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TO-DAY.

(December 15.)

Rotary Club Tiffin at Lane, Crawford's, 1 p.m.

Opening of the Aberdeen Dam by His Excellency the Governor, 3.30 p.m.

Whist Drive at St. Patrick's Club, Garden Road, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Great Lover."

World Theatre: "Love's Identity" Part II. (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Golden Calf."

King's Theatre: "East Lynne."

Central Theatre: "Manslaughter."

Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel.

European Mail:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Cracovia) 4.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

(December 16.)

Ember Day.

Hockey: Hong Kong Club v. Police (King's Park), 3 p.m.; H.K.S.R.A. v. Radio Sports Club (Marina Ground), 5 p.m.

Fanling Hounds Meet (Sheung-shui), 3.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Great Lover."

World Theatre: "Be Yourself."

Star Theatre: "Rough Romance."

King's Theatre: "East Lynne."

Central Theatre: "Africa Speaks."

Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "Miss Hook of Holland," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Tea Dances at King's Restaurant and Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Repulse Bay Hotel and Peninsula Hotel.

Police Recreation Club Dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY.

(December 17.)

Helena May Institute Concert, Children's Play.

Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "Miss Hook of Holland," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Oh, Sailor Behave."

World Theatre: "Be Yourself."

Star Theatre: "On Your Back."

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AMERICA'S HOPE OF BETTER TIMES.

HER DRASTIC POLICY OF DEFLATION.

PLANS FOR REDUCED COSTS OF PRODUCTION.

BY ANDRE GERAUD ("PERTINAX").

THE FAMOUS FRENCH PUBLICIST OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO ENGLAND, FROM A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

The whole of America lives with the hope that the worst of the financial and economic depression has not yet been made secure against untoward developments.

However, the troubles which are in prospect ought not to be exaggerated. The great banks in New York and elsewhere are safe (a successful effort has been made to increase the liquid part of their assets), and it must be kept in mind that 40 per cent. of all the deposits in existence are in their hands.

Only the small banks, which literally swarm throughout the country (over 20,000 of them can be counted), seem to rest upon shaky foundations. Of late years many of them opened, as an addition to their commercial departments of the ordinary type, a "savings" department which, as a result of deficient public control, has not been conducted in accordance with the rules specially enforced upon regular saving banks. Thus, huge sums which can be claimed by the owners, on very short notice, have been invested in real estate and agricultural mortgages.

In order to rescue these institutions out of a perilous impasse, a "Credit Corporation" was called into existence a few weeks ago, on President Hoover's initiative. I found that some criticism was directed against it, and that doubts were expressed about the successful performance of the duties assigned to it.

They do not admit that the dollar currency was ever in serious difficulties. Of course, it cannot be denied that, from September 20 onwards during six weeks the Federal Reserve system lost to European countries about \$731,000,000. But they point out, with some pride, that on the basis of their gold reserves as in existence on October 28, they were still in a position to open additional credits up to \$2,500,000,000, and that another milliard dollars could be transferred abroad without the legal gold cover provided for by legislation being seriously impaired.

It is true that no monetary system in the world, no matter what its strength might be, would be able to resist the continuous pressure brought about by millions of hoarders. But, as a matter of fact, during the last two weeks hoarding has been on the decline, as can be seen from the reduced number of banknotes now in circulation. Therefore, the danger can be regarded as gone.

HELP WHERE NEEDED.

To begin with, in each Federal Reserve district (there are twelve of them in the United States) the advances made to the banks which claim relief cannot exceed the share of the "Credit Corporation's" capital which was subscribed in that particular district, unless the sound banks are willing to give their full guarantee. In the second place, any bank which asks for assistance must, as a first necessary step, part with all its eligible paper (that is, with the commercial bills and the securities which can be accepted for discount by the banks of Federal Reserve).

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BIG BANKS' DEPOSITS.

As things are to-day, a weak point can be detected in the financial and economic structure of the United States; the banking system has not yet been made secure against untoward developments.



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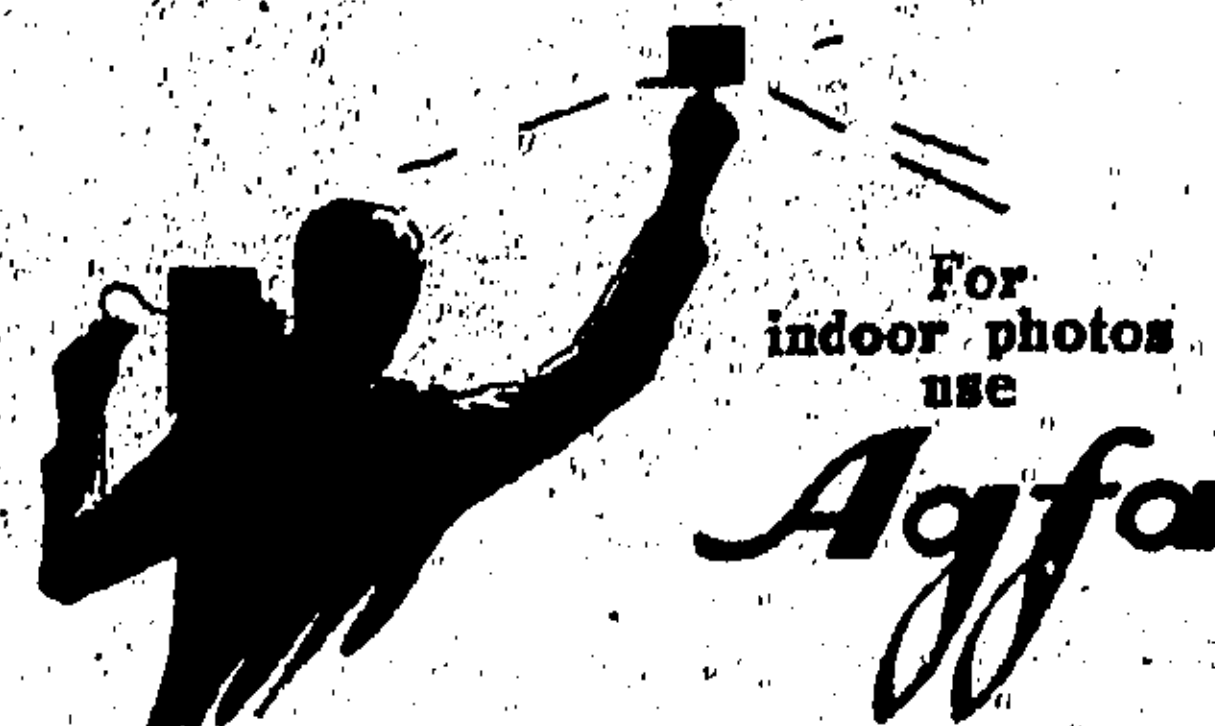
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THE HEAVY MOTOR-VEHICLE SHOW.

GREAT STRIDES MADE IN DESIGN.

MANY NEW TYPES OF ENGINE.

The commercial motor-vehicle show at Olympia would have been interesting enough in the ordinary way, for in this post-war period these shows have been held every second year only, and there have been two years' progress to display, which has given heavy-vehicle makers the reputation of being ahead of the car manufacturers. But in the past two years, and more especially in the last twelve months, motor haulage and passenger services have moved quickly. There is evidence of this at the show: two years ago there were but three heavy-oil engine vehicles on exhibition, and they were regarded as a curiosity; this year were to be found no fewer than fourteen types of engine. In numbers many more, for they are to be seen in more than one vehicle and on more than one stand.

Technical Progress.

It is a show of technical progress. There is little to catch the eye in the popular sense, unless it be, when compared with the car show, sheer ponderousness of the machines. Yet in the bus and passenger coach exhibits there is that which would attract the public if only it knew. Here the manufacturers of the heavies have given visible proof that they are ahead of

car-makers: for suspension, seating, ventilation, comfort generally, these machines give a lead to most makes of private cars. In technical matters, too, can be seen the efforts put forward by makers of petrol-engine machines to meet the growing competition of the heavy-oil engine. The ultimate test of the industrial motor is economy of operation, and in engine design, in chassis work and points of assembly—as in the mounting of engines partly over the front axle in order to give more payload space to the vehicle—there is indication that they have got down to the business in a fine spirit. They can afford also to indulge in novelties. Perhaps the most unorthodox exhibit is a double-deck saloon bus which has an oil engine with a front-wheel drive and the huge body and chassis built all in one unit. The engine is a two-stroke six-cylinder type, with two crankshafts and twelve pistons, which is as strikingly unusual as it is a compact block, and each wheel of this vehicle has independent pneumatic springing.

Question of Weight.

There are points that do not catch the eye, but they are the more important, because they embody practice which sooner or later will find its way into our manufacture. One of them is the question of weight. For a few years now there has been remarkable advance in the production and the use of alloys, of which aluminium alloys have been most popular. Now there are others, including electron magnesium alloys. So far has progress gone that whereas only a year or two ago it was possible to produce aluminium alloys of a tensile strength of over nine tons per square inch, heat-treated alloys are now obtainable with a tensile strength of over 20 tons. With these alloys, steel, with its 200 per cent. additional weight, can now be dispensed with. Yet even with this advance aluminium alloys are being superseded over a wide range of uses by the new electron alloys.

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MR. FORD'S NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

MODERN MACHINERY TO BE DISCARDED.

Mr. Henry Ford, the pioneer of mass production, proposes to make an exhaustive test of his theory that the men on his enormous payroll should work on his farms for four months of each year and spend the remainder of the time in his manufacturing plants. He plans to test his idea on his 12,000-acre farm, says the *New York Herald* (Paris Edition). Mr. Ford is preparing to discard the modern agricultural machinery now in use on his farm and substitute man-power. He contemplates the employment of about 500 men there. In recent months Mr. Ford has frequently expressed the opinion that some such arrangement on a national scale would solve the unemployment problem. The surplus labour, Mr. Ford declares, could be used far more effectively if the men could be trained to work on the farms during the warm weather and in manufacturing centres during the cold months of the year.

which are 40 per cent. lighter. It is all progress which means further economy without any loss of reliability or efficiency. It is not, as has been said, visible to the eye, but it is matter that appears on the right side of the haulier's balance sheet. There is a wide range of exhibits, from the small seat, runabout to massive double-deckers, multi-wheel trailers for conveying loads unusual in bulk and weight, steamers, road-rollers, power-driven mowing machines, motors for agricultural uses, and, not least, it is substantially a show of British productions.

MODERN STEEL COACHWORK.

ITS MANY ADVANTAGES.

RIGIDITY, STRENGTH AND SILENCE.

Every motor manufacturer would fit a pressed steel body to all his standard models if he were able to do so, writes G. B. in the *Manchester Guardian*. Costly dies are required to stamp out the various parts from which a steel body is built up by welding. The process is, therefore, only applicable when a factory produces a large number of duplicate bodies. If a plant, with an output of ten luxurious cars per week adopted the pressing system the coachwork might easily cost more than the chassis. The advantages of this type of coachwork demand very little explanation. The resulting saloon is tolerably light, and extremely rigid. Noise can only develop in such moving components as the doors and windows, whereas the old-fashioned body, consisting of metal panels bradded on to a skeleton of wooden ribs and pillars and formers, is capable of developing "work" and "grind" in any or all of its fitted joints, whilst motion of the wooden members shakes paint off the metal panelling.

Safer Than Wood.

A steel saloon may be somewhat difficult to repair after a serious collision or a minor ding; but it is not likely to crumple inwards sufficiently to injure its occupants except when accidents involve really frightful impacts. Paint does not scale or chip off a pressed body, because it is a rigid whole. Factories with really large outputs can adopt the steel body, and change their patterns every year, as they can afford to scrap their dies every autumn without charging too much on this account against each car which they sell. In America, there already exists a huge coachbuilding business in component pressing. There are no small makers in the American industry, but if such firms existed they would be able to use pressed steel bodies. The big steel pressers would sell them most of the parts required for their saloons from stock at no higher cost than if they were ordering them by the ten thousand or the fifty thousand. Should such a small maker further desire to equip his cars with a distinctive body, he could do so at small expense. For example, he could weld almost the whole of his saloon from standard parts; and he could strike an individual note by combining such standard parts with one or two special pressings—e.g., a special tail panel embodying a luggage carrier, or a special scuttle of peculiar outline.

The Component System.

During the last year or two one or two firms in the British industry have laid the foundations of a similar system. During 1930-1931 one or two new cars have appeared with pressed steel bodies. These new cars may sell in such great numbers that their sponsors could view the cost of special dies with equanimity; but only a lunatic would dare to assume such sales before the public had so much as inspected a single sample car. No these new steel bodies have been produced on the component system. The firms which build them have standardised a door, a dashboard, and so forth. Before many years are past, we shall see all cheap cars carrying bodies of this type, whether open or closed, saloons or tourers. The system may gradually invade the costlier strata of the industry, because of the technical merits of this type of body. I have indicated above that if the pressing firms can rely on plenty of orders they can assist a small maker to construct distinctive bodies at low cost.

A Personal Experience.

I am at the moment driving a new car mounting coachwork of this kind, and I have already made some interesting discoveries about it. I confess with shame that when its gloss was virgin I failed to notice that certain parts which are normally made of wood are actually steel pressings. Days elapsed before I realised that the fascia board and the side coverings were steel. The discovery happened

amusingly. There was no ash tray in the front cockpit, so I bought a chromium plated ash tray, seized a gimlet, and endeavoured to screw it to the dash. The first twist of the gimlet proved that the dashboard was steel. Evidently it must be taken off and the ash tray affixed with small bolts. The dash was apparently secured by four plated wood screws. When the first wood screw came out it proved to be a bolt. There was no timber anywhere in the dash arch and scuttle, the fascia board was fixed by four nuts welded to an invisible steel member, all four nuts being welded dead in line at precise locations, a triumph of jigwork. (Here incidentally, is a petty example of the way in which a pressing firm can permit customers to vary their body from standard design.) I had soon drilled holes for the tiny bolts of my ash tray, and all the parts slipped back into place beautifully. I was thus prepared for my next discovery.

The Suitcase Locker.

The tail of the saloon embodied a large luggage locker, which was very awkwardly shaped for storing suitcases. I had to choose between allowing lock suitcases to jump about and chafe themselves or to go to the expense of having special suitcases made to fit the locker. Eventually I determined to let the lid of the locker hang down horizontally and to use it as a grid. But there were no cleats on this lid to which straps could be secured. I prodded it carefully in a place which did not show, and was not surprised to find that this lid was a hollow steel pressing, so that cleats could only be fixed by drilling bolt-holes clean through both

steel skins of the lid. In due succession I found that every component of the body was a steel pressing, practically every joint being welded, except where—as in the case of the dash—access might be required to attend to wiring or to instruments.

A Successful Test.

The car has now accomplished a fair mileage over rough roads at high average speed, and, thanks to its integral rigidity, there is no sign of flaking about the paint, probably no paint will ever flake, as the panels cannot "work." There is no noise except in the doors and windows, nor can I see how noise could ever be generated at other points. The design of the doors is not too good in this particular case; they are equipped with the popular double latch, intended to lock them relentlessly when they are slammed home. But the latch demands rather a peculiar type of slam to engage both catches. A mild slam fails to engage the second latch, and a really heavy slam makes the second latch jump out again; my family has at last mastered the moderate slam which suits the doors, but it has been a tiresome process, and I am surprised that the jarring of the doors has not flaked the paint on them. The windows have developed rattles, as all windows do sooner or later, but the rattle can be dealt with in the accustomed way.

In fine, I have nothing but praise for this coachwork, except that it is certainly stupid to press out a luggage locker which will not fit any standard suitcases.

A "CAR" MOTOR-CYCLE.

NOVEL USE OF BABY ENGINE.

BROUGH SUPERIOR "FOUR."

Yet another use has been found for the baby Austin engine. Slightly enlarged in cylinder diameter, it is the power unit of a new and remarkable motor-cycle, which will make its first appearance at the Motor-Cycle Show at Olympia on November 30.

Known as the Brough Superior "Four," the machine has narrow twin radiators for the water-cooled engine, a dry-plate clutch and three-speed gear-box, and a propeller shaft transmitting the drive to twin rear wheels, side by side on a common axle.

An electric starting motor is another "car" feature of this extremely unconventional motor-cycle. The fact that its rear wheels are less than 16in apart saves it from being a car for taxation purposes.

At present the machine will be sold only as a passenger outfit, with a launch-shaped body, and the price will be about £170. The decision to produce the machine as a passenger outfit only for the present is due to the weight distribution and not to the twin rear wheels, which have been found to make practically no difference to solo riding.

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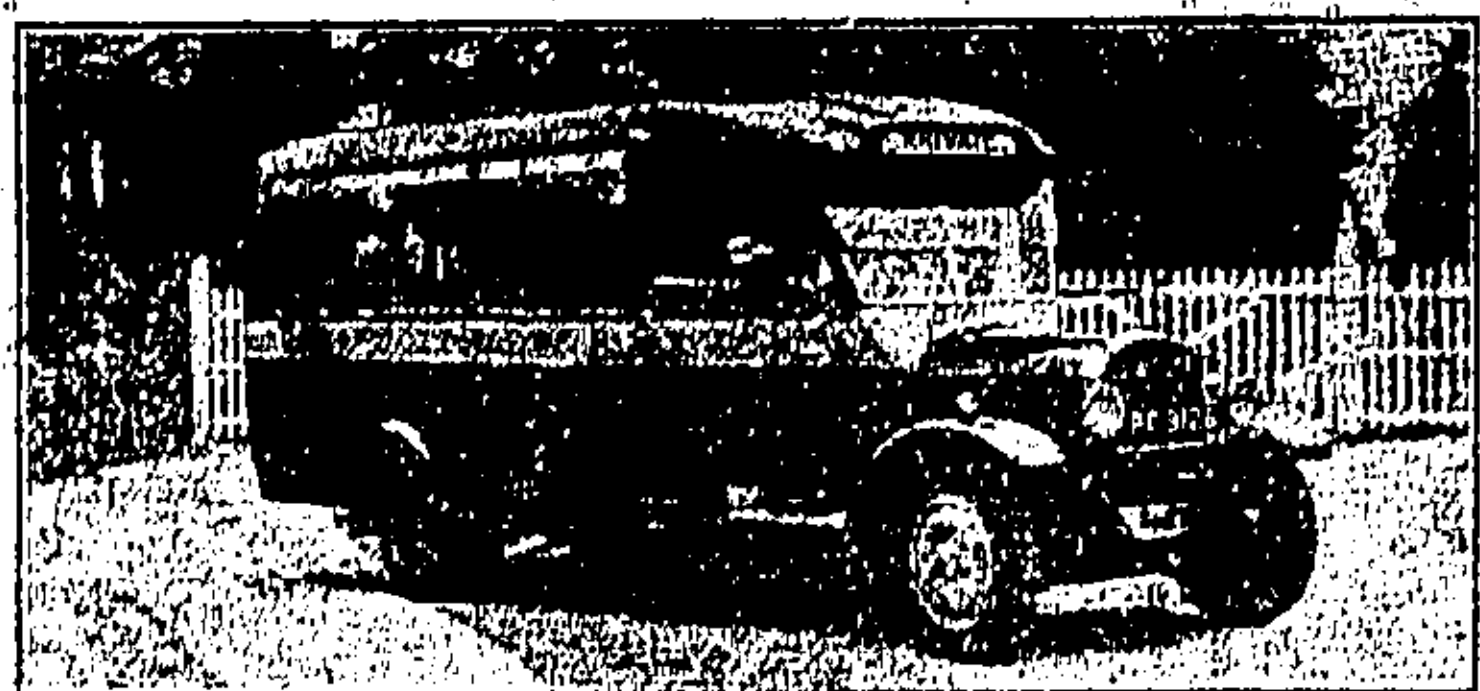
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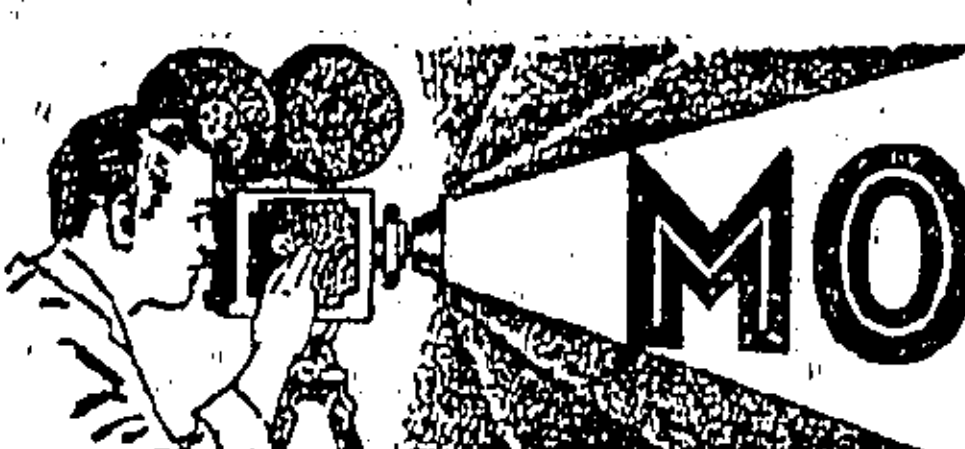
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MOVIE NEWS

ON THE SCREEN IN HONG KONG.

"THE GHOST TRAIN."

COMING TO THE QUEEN'S
ON SUNDAY.

The advent of the talkie has given producers abundant opportunity for "effects," and in "The Ghost Train," a British railroad drama, to be shown at the Queen's Theatre, on Sunday, full advantage has been taken of the appositeness of the subject. Arnold Ridley's story is eerie and thrilling, and a particularly capable cast, headed by Jack Hulbert and Cecily Courtneidge, enact the scenes, grim and humorous, which lead up to the dramatic and unexpected climax. "The Ghost Train" is designed to mystify and thrill and succeeds in doing both.

THE GREAT LOVER.

CARUSO SKETCHES USED
IN CAFE SCENE.

Ten original caricatures from the pen of the late Enrico Caruso decorate the Italian cafe set in "The Great Lover," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre. Opera and stage contemporaries of the famous singer are the subjects of the drawings which were loaned to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios by Dr. P. Mario Marasoli, former voice coach for Caruso. Dr. Marasoli also loaned the film company other mementos of the Metropolitan Opera star in an endeavour to make the scenes as authentic as possible. The picture, a film version of the New York stage success, features Adolphe Menjou, Irene Dunne, Ernest Torrence, Neil Hamilton and B. B. Cavanova.

ROBERT COOGAN IN "THE MIRACLE MAN."

Robert Coogan was recently chosen for his first film role other than in the character of Sooty when he was cast as the crippled boy in Paramount's film version of "The Miracle Man." The role given the brother of Jackie Coogan, who made his screen debut in "Sooty," was one of the first dramatic child roles on the screen when George Loan Tucker made the silent version of the production twelve years ago. Robert, now continuing his Percy Crosby characterization in "Sooty," with Jackie Coogan, will join Sylvia Sydney and an all-star cast in "The Miracle Man," which will be directed by Stuart Walker and Dudley Murphy.

"AFRICA SPEAKS."

LIONS "SHOT" WITH TALKIE
CAMERA.

Paul L. Hoefler, noted explorer representing the Colorado-African Expedition, hunted the lion with camera and microphone in the jungle regions of Tanganyika, Africa, making an unsurpassed pictorial record of the daily habits of the king of beasts in its native haunts.

These supply one of the interesting features of "Africa Speaks," released by Columbia Pictures. It is scheduled to play at the Central Theatre on Wednesday.

The carnivorous cats prowled the plains of Tanganyika looking for prey and are a continual menace to the members of the Massai tribes of the district. The courageousness of the tribes is demonstrated by the fact that they appoint a tolo (youth) armed only with a short spear to guard the livestock of the clan from the marauding lions.

"MANSLAUGHTER" MOTOR CRASH.

HOW HOLLYWOOD STAGED IT.

Hollywood police are still in ignorance of an automobile crash which happened on one of its main boulevards recently. No report was ever made of the accident in which a speeding motorcycle hurtled into a skidding automobile.

This particular accident was planned, rehearsed up to the point of the actual crash, and then carried out for a scene in Paramount's new melodrama, "Manslaughter," the Central Theatre feature for the first part of the week.

A sharp curve, ending a long straightaway stretch, was chosen as the site of the accident. Ten cameras were lined up to cover every foot of the road where the crash was to occur, and microphones were so placed that they could record the sound of the impact.

Pursued by a motorcycle, the automobile hummed down the straightaway at a fast pace. There was a screech of brakes, and the car skidded around the curve, swinging outside across the road. A split second later the motorcycle crashed full into it. But a battered car and a demolished motorcycle were the only casualties.

"EAST LYNNE."

HOW A FILM EXPERT
VIEWS IT.

A well-known American critic writing in a paper devoted to the cinema industry has expressed the following appreciation of "East Lynne," now showing at the King's Theatre:

What is easily the finest glorification of the audible screen is given in Frank Lloyd's production of "East Lynne" with Ann Harding, Clive Brook and Conrad Nagel. There is so much to commend in this Fox Movietone that to attempt to describe it with a single phrase is a great injustice.

In the first place, "East Lynne" vibrates with entertainment from beginning to end. Secondly, the story, adapted from Mrs. Wood's novel, moves swiftly and develops with dramatic power and consistency. Thirdly, Ann Harding achieves new laurels and a lovelier Isabel, certainly, has never been seen on stage or screen. She lives the role and radiates with an incomparable beauty and sincerity.

In the fourth place, Conrad Nagel and Clive Brook give characterizations that will add much to their popularity. The latter does the outstanding work of his career as Lovison. Conrad Nagel is at his best as the ambitious young lawyer, influenced by his spinster sister, who makes an outcast of his wife. The Movietone adaptation of "East Lynne" differs considerably from other stage or screen versions. It concerns the rebellion of a dutiful wife, ruled by the jealous sister of her husband, who is driven away from her baby and forced to carry on an affair with her husband's best friend, who has always loved her and who gives his life in protecting her.

EVEN RIN-TIN-TIN FALLS FOR LUPE.

THREE STARS IN "TIGER ROSE."

A one-man dog is an established institution, but Rin-Tin-Tin has just varied his versatility by becoming a one-woman dog. The dog star appears in "Tiger Rose," the Warner Bros. and Vitaphone version of the Willard Mack drama of the Hudson Bay country which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Thursday.

He is known as Scotty, and belongs, in the story, to Lupe Velez, who is co-starred with Monte Blue in this new picture.

Although Rin-Tin-Tin never loses his loyalty to his real master, Lee Duncan, when he works with male stars, he showed an unusual affection for the dynamic little Mexican star, and soon came to obey her commands just as if he belonged to her. "All Hollywood does that," commented Director George Fitzmaurice.

"DADDY LONG LEGS."

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He can play any sort of role from a border bandit to a suave medical man, from a reckless adventurer in the Foreign Legion to a Basque sportsman or a cautious German financier, and do them all equally well.

In all Hollywood, there is but a handful of actors who can be cast in any kind of role and of that handful, Warner Baxter, who plays the title role, opposite Janet Gaynor in the new Fox romance, "Daddy Long Legs," which is to be the next change at the King's Theatre, is perhaps the most outstanding.

Versatility is Baxter's characteristic. Other players, perhaps, can give equally good portrayals in so many different roles, but none of them can handle such an unusual variety of parts with such ease and realism. Rarely does Baxter resort to trick make-up such as the late Lon Chaney relied upon for his grotesque effects. Only in the Fox production, "Such Men Are Dangerous," where the story demanded that he first appear as the puffy, bearded German banker did he consent to disguise himself artificially.

The secret of his success is in his own powers. Costume and correct backgrounds all help to some extent, but a rare facility in adapting his mental outlook to that of the character he is playing, accounts chiefly for his chameleon-like quality.

The English ne'er-do-well of "The Squaw Man," the desperate French officer of "Rancho Grande," the glamorous bandit of "In Old Arizona," and "The Arizona Kid" and the polished physician of "Doctors' Wives," all offer real contrast in roles, yet it is difficult to say which of these portrayals was Baxter's best.

Many critics who have seen "Daddy Long Legs," claim that his role of the wealthy and lonely benefactor of "Judy," the orphaned girl, far exceeds anything he has done to date.

These same critics say that never before has Janet Gaynor been cast in such a suitable role, in fact some say Jenn Webster, the author, must have been thinking of dainty Janet, when she wrote the original story, years ago.

"Daddy Long Legs" was not unfamiliar to either Baxter or Miss Gaynor, when they started to film the wistful romance. Miss Gaynor saw the original stage play, when she was a mere child, and it was the character of "Judy," the same role she now portrays, that first turned her eyes and mind toward the stage and screen. As for Baxter, he played the title role on the stage long before he ever thought of entering the movieland.

Una Merkel and John Arledge head the supporting cast of "Daddy Long Legs," which includes Claude Gillingwater, Kathlyn Williams, Elizabeth Patterson, Louise Closser Hule, Effie Ellsler and others. Alfred Santell, who recently directed Charles Farrell and Elissa Landi in "Body and Soul," directed the photoplay, which was adapted in continuity and dialogue by Sonya Levien.

AMERICA AND OUR
ACTORS.

AN ACCENT THAT PLEASES.

New York. There are so many London actors on Broadway these days that I sometimes wonder if I am not in the West End, mistaking the lights of Times-square for those of Piccadilly-circus. Half the photographs hanging in the lobbies of the playhouses are familiar to a London theatre-goer.

Five great acting successes of the moment here are scored by British players; Ronald Squire and Mrs. Pat Campbell in Bourdet's "The Sex Fable," Charles Laughton in "Payment Deferred," Robert Lorraine in Strindberg's "The Father," and Leslie Banks in "Lean Harp."

Laughton Stirs Them.

Mrs. Pat Campbell's part in Bourdet's audacious fantasia on the gigolo theme is not a long one, but it is one of the minor triumphs of her career. Mr. Laughton's first bow to New York is the current gossip of the dinner tables. To see him is a social obligation. New York audiences are much colder than London ones, and even at a frivolous show they observe the solemn air of church-goers. For Laughton's study in crime and punishment, however, they have actually brought out deep-throated cheers.

The electric globes above the theatres spell out the names of British plays and players. In one street off Broadway you will find "The Good Companions" with its huge British cost bustling through the merry play that is said to bring the scent of the shires across the Manhattan footlights. In the next street, A. E. Matthews and Marie Lohr are giving ingratiating performances in Somerset Maugham's "The Bread-winner." Elsewhere you may chance on John Galsworthy's "The Roof," while sharing honours with Robert Lorraine in "The Father" are Haidee Wright and Dorothy Dix. And so it goes.

The New Hamlet.

The invaders are entrenched all down the Milk Way. Even in a typical Broadway musical play such as "The Cat and the Fiddle" you will light on the drollery of Lawrence Grossmith.

A friend in Philadelphia tells me to expect great things of the Bel-Goddes production of "Hamlet," now being tried out in that city with a cast that is largely British.

The cult of British plays and players in New York may be attributed to the charm of difference—suddenly breaking through the charm of the familiar. London is just far enough removed to have the attraction of a perpetual slight novelty. The outlook, the accent, the emphasis, the tempo are pleasantly, not disturbingly, different. In these hard times a seat in the stalls at a British play becomes a substitute for a steamship ticket to Southampton.—*News Chronicle*.

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1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press news, mail
notice, etc.

Relay of speech from Rotary Club
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Yuh on "The Chinese of
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2 p.m. (approx.)—Close down.
5 to 8 p.m.—European programme
of Victor and H.M.V. records.
5 to 5.42 p.m.—

Variety.

Song—"Cryin' for the Carolines."

Song—"A Cottage for Sale."

Gracie Fields.—B3463.

Accordion Solo—"For Me and
My Girl."

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Song—"Sweetheart of all My
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Song—"All by Yourself in the
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Sweetie Care for Me?"

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5.42 to 6.25 p.m.—

A Concert.

Piano Solo—"Murmuring Zep-
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Piano Solo—"Spring Song"
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Song—"Bird of Love Divine"
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Choral—"Cradle Song" (Gibbs).

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XIII. et Pavane" (Couperin-
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Piano Solo—"Prelude in A
Minor" (Debussy).

Piano Solo—"Alt-Wien" (Old
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7 p.m.—Stock quotations, mail
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6.25 to 7.22 p.m.—A selection of
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cissus" (from "Water Scenes"),
(d) "Country Dance."—9479.

(a) "My Desire" (from "Songs
from Vineyard"), (b) "Mighty
Lak" a Rose, (c) "At Twi-
light," (d) "Oh That We Two
Were Maying" (from "Sketch
Book").—9480.

(a) "Little Boy Blue," (b) "The
Night Has a Thousand Eyes"
(from "Sketch Book"), (c)
"The Woodpecker," (d) "In
Winter I Get Up at Night"
(from "Sketch Book"), (e)
"Every Night," (f) "Beat
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"The Rosary"—(a) "Barchetta"
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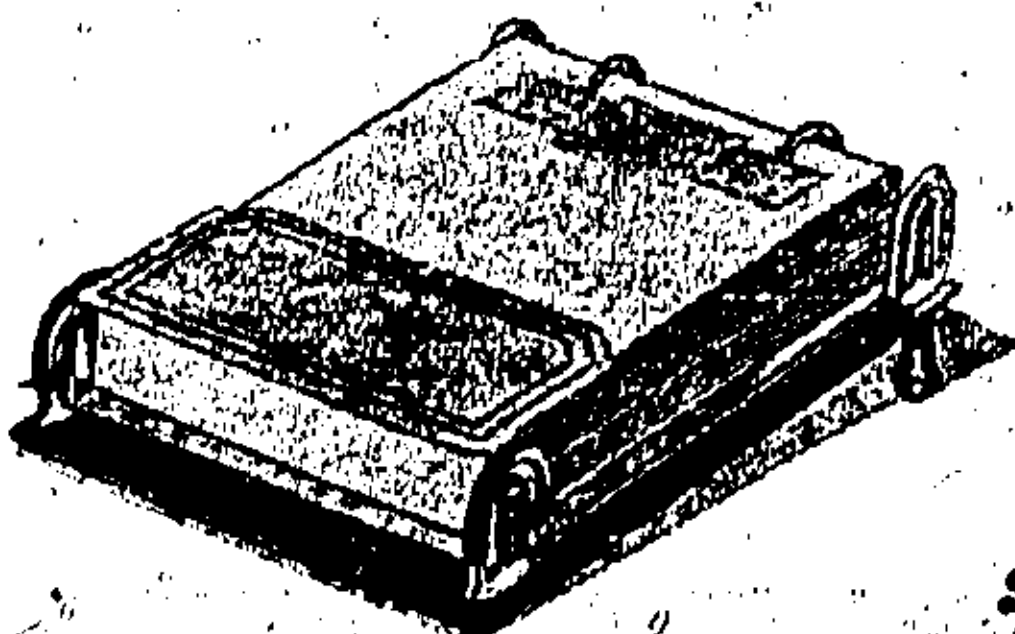
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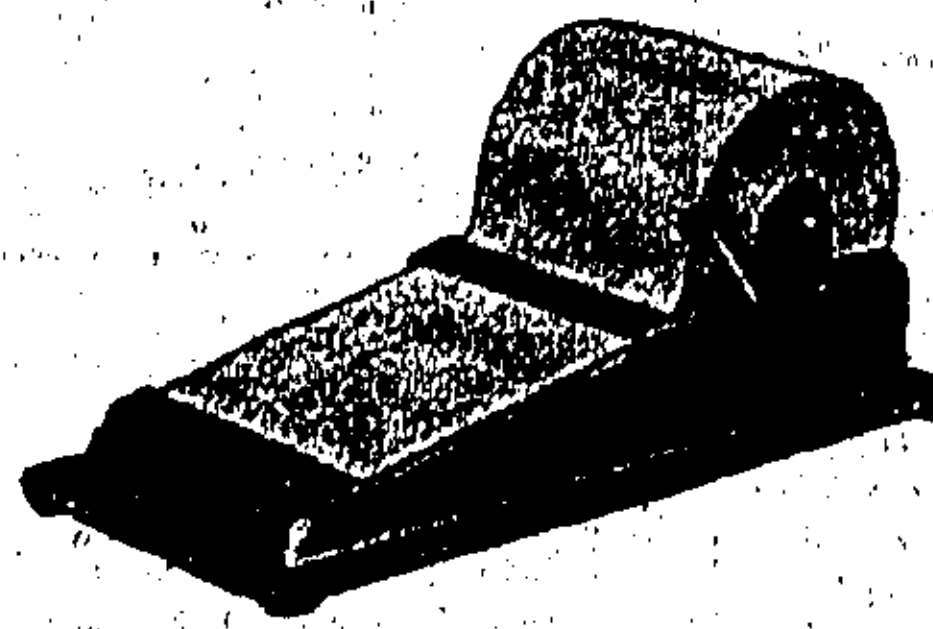
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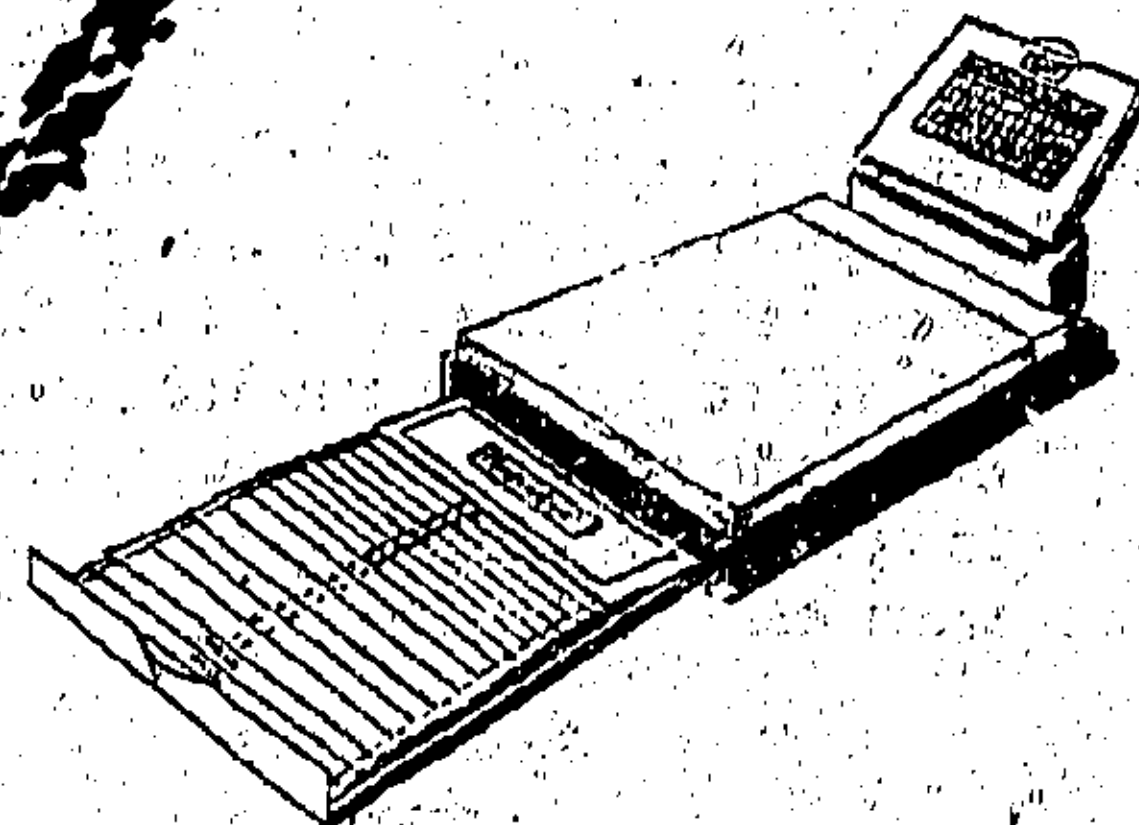
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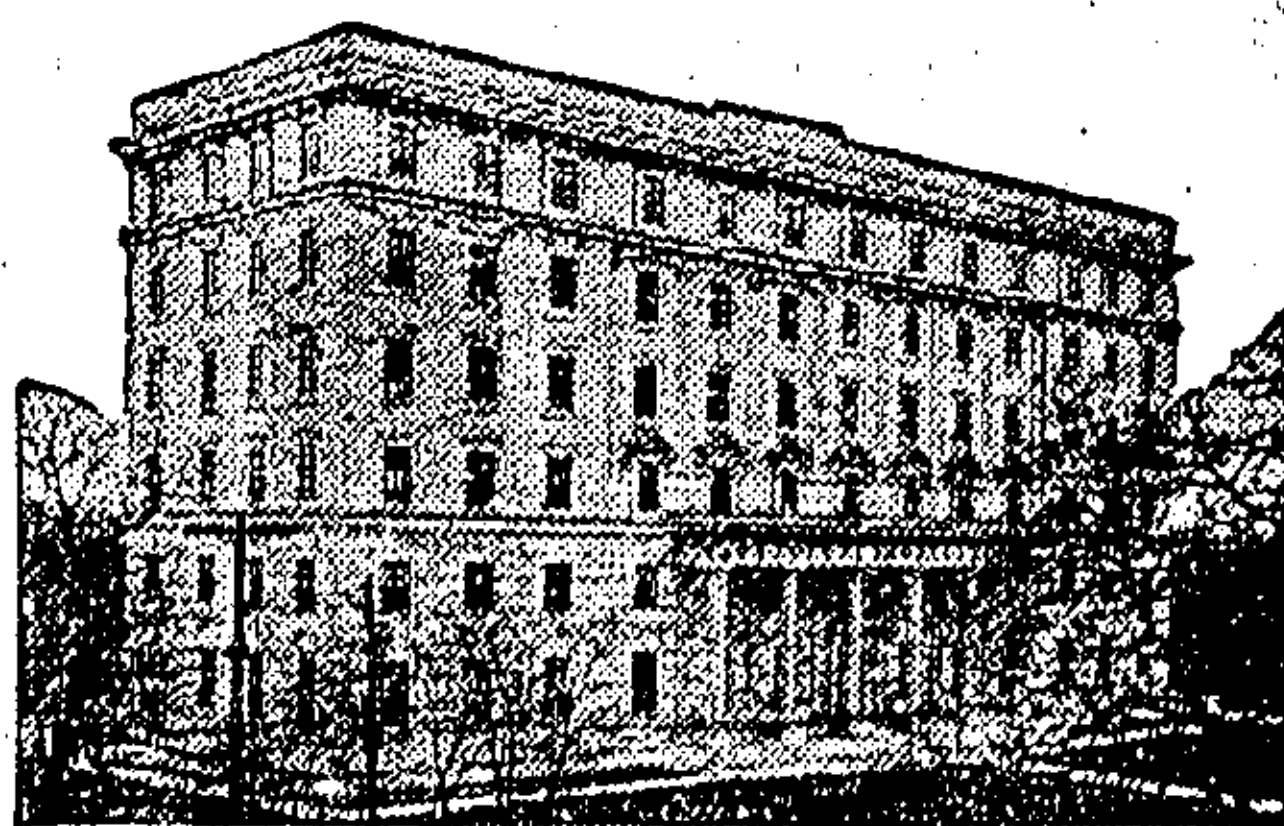
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REPLY OF H.K.F.A. TO LETTER FROM
CHINESE CLUBS.

NO FURTHER DEALINGS UNTIL RESIGNATIONS ARE
WITHDRAWN: OPPOSED TO ARBITRATION.

The Hong Kong Football Association have now issued for
publication their reply to the letter addressed by the five Chinese
Clubs early last month stating their reasons for withdrawal from
the Hong Kong Football League.

It may be difficult to follow some of the replies in the Asso-
ciation's letter unless read in conjunction with the letter from the
Chinese clubs published in the *Daily Press* on November 4, but it
will be seen that the Association take a firm stand.

The Association refute the suggestion that they have been auto-
cratic, unhelpful and "unsympathetic" towards the Chinese clubs.
They are not prepared to entertain any settlement of the dispute
by arbitration and decline to have any further negotiations until
the Chinese clubs withdraw their resignations.

ASSOCIATION'S FIRM STAND.

GENTLEMEN.—Referring to your
undated letter addressed to the
Chairman, H.K.F.A., I am directed
to inform you that the contents of
same have received the serious con-
sideration of the Council, and I am
to state that, although the letter in
question contains a series of re-
petition, the Council has made every
endeavour to reply to your com-
ments, queries and allegations para-
graph by paragraph:—

1. The fact that you do not
agree with the unanimous resolu-
tions passed by the Council is to
be regretted, as a full attendance
of members including the Presi-
dent and two Vice-Presidents
were present.

2. The Council will be only too
happy to come to a better under-
standing with the Chinese clubs
when they have withdrawn their
resignations from the Hong Kong
Football Association.

3. The suggestion that the Coun-
cil is, and has been, autocratic,
unhelpful and unsympathetic to-
wards the Chinese clubs is quite
unwarranted. The Council has at
all times been strictly impartial
and has treated all clubs, irrespec-
tive of nationality, in the same
way. It is wrong to assume that
the Council, in acting in strict
conformity with the rules of the
Association, has been autocratic,
unhelpful and unsympathetic.

Unfair Treatment Denied.

4. It cannot be denied that the
Chinese members of the Council
have at all times received a sym-
pathetic hearing from the foreign
members and neither of them have
at any time raised the question in
Council of unfair treatment. The
method adopted to acquaint the
Council of the precise nature of
the acts combined in order that
the Council may avoid a re-
petition of similar acts in the
future is wrong in principle and
in spirit. Had their grievances—
if such actually exist—been put to
the Council through Messrs. Lee
and Wong, there is no doubt that
a solution satisfactory to the
Chinese clubs and the Council
would have been arrived at.

(a) Noted.

(b) It is entirely wrong to
submit that the Association has
consistently ignored the exist-
ence of the Federation, as
correspondence in our files
proves the contrary to be the
case. On the other hand, we
consider that the Federation
has not co-operated with us as
it might have done.

(c) This is an admission that
negotiations with the Malayan
Chinese for the alleged Inter-
port game had been going on
for some time. There is no
doubt that the Council could
have been approached earlier
than it was, and so have pre-
vented the present trouble.

Correspondence in our files
proves that an almost similar
episode occurred during 1929,
and in 1930 there was consider-
able correspondence from the
H.K.C.A.A.F. regarding a pro-
posed Chinese Interport game,
and the attention of the
Federation, South China Ath-
letic Association and Chinese
Athletic Association was drawn
to Association rule No. 12.

The Issue.

(d) The question of the Hong
Kong C.A.A.F. directing the
S.C.A.A. to have a full team in
readiness to play against the
Malayan Chinese on September
26 and to make all necessary
arrangements for the postpone-
ment of any match previously
fixed is an issue between the
S.C.A.A. and the Federation,
and cannot be accepted as an
excuse for the failure to take
part in the League fixture of
that day.

(e) As far as the Hong
Kong F.A. is concerned, the
South China A.A., or any other

affiliated club cannot act in
what appears to be the best
course open. The H.K.F.A. is
the recognised governing body
of football in Hong Kong, and
as such all affiliated clubs must
act in accordance with their
ruling (see Football Associa-
tion Rule 28—last paragraph).

(f) It would appear from
this paragraph that the South
China A.A. decided that the
ruling of the Federation was
of greater importance to them
than that of the governing
association, and consequently
they could not avoid having
trouble with the Hong Kong
Football Association. This, in
the opinion of the Council is the
vital part of the case, and
should the Chinese Clubs decide
to withdraw their resignations,

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19 Bowring Canal Ed., W.,
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Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter
and for the cheque.

As regards the next com-
petition, I hope to send in an
effort well up to standard.

I remain,

Yours truly,
H. L. PAU.

a definite understanding must
be arrived at between the
H.K.F.A. and H.K.C.A.A.F.,
should the latter care to ap-
proach us. The fact that a de-
finite understanding is required
is embodied in the second
resolution by the Council.

Those Complimentary Tickets.

(g) The sixteen complimentary
tickets sent by the Federation
under cover of a letter dated
September 23 was received by
Hon. Secretary at 10 a.m. on
September 28 the day the match
was played. On Saturday
morning, also September 28, it
was announced by the Police
Authorities that all football
matches were cancelled. It was
therefore unnecessary to dis-
tribute the tickets even if there
had been time to do so. In
view of the announcement re-
ferred to above, the Hon.
Secretary naturally concluded

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that the match had been can-
celled. The Council regrets
that the Hon. Secretary failed
to acknowledge receipt of the
tickets, but under the circum-
stances set forth above, it was
an oversight that might be
excused, particularly owing to
the excitement caused by the
serious rioting going on in the
Colony at that time.

With regard to the invitation
to dinner, the Federation kind-
ly sent to the Hon. Secretary,
we have investigated this mat-
ter and assure you that the
action was not deliberate. It

was no doubt careless and no
one regrets the position created
more than the gentleman to
whom the invitation was sent.

Services Refused.

(h) to (c) The Services acted
on their own initiative in this
matter and in accordance with
their interpretation of the
H.K.F.A. rules. The Services
naturally expected the mem-
bers of the "Malayan Chinese
" Services" match to ask per-
mission from the H.K.F.A.
They, "the Services," were
not in a position to know
whether or not the Malayan
Chinese were members of a re-
cognised football association.
The H.K.F.A. cannot be attack-
ed for refusing permission be-
cause permission was never
asked, either by the Chinese
Clubs or Services. It is
notable that no reference is
made by the Chinese Clubs to
paragraph 3 of Captain
"Dakin's" letter.

6 and 7. Reference to paragraph
5 (m) to (o), should convince you
that there was never any question
of an insult to the Federation or
Chinese Clubs, especially as no
permission was asked.

8, 9 and 10. The use of the word
"pressed" in paragraph 8 is un-
fortunate. The procedure of re-
ferring you to rules was quite cor-
rect, and in fact you, as members
affiliated to the H.K.F.A., should
have been conversant with them.
It is true that postponements of
fixtures are not unusual, but post-
ponement is only sanctioned when
something unavoidable happens to
prevent one of the teams from tak-
ing the field. The circumstances
in this case did not warrant the
same between S.C.A.A. and the
Hong Kong Football Club being
postponed.

H.K.C.A.A.F. Not Recognised.

11. As far as the Council is
aware, the H.K.C.A.A.F. is not a
recognised football association,
nor is it affiliated to any recog-
nised association, therefore the an-
swer to the query at the end of
the paragraph is in the negative.

12. The reply to your contention
that the Federation is affiliated
to some other recognised football
association is contained in our
answer to paragraph 11.

Correspondence in our files
proves that objections have been
raised in previous years to the
unorthodox procedure in arrang-
ing your Interport matches, the
latest being last year when, as
pointed in paragraph 2 (c), your
attention was drawn to certain
rules.

13. The Football Association,
Ltd. is no longer affiliated to the
International Federation, so your
contention in this respect is not
tenable.

14. Please refer to paragraphs
8, 9 and 10.

15. The first part of this para-
graph is true in part; however,
it is easy to be wise after the
event, a maxim that applies equal-
ly to both parties to the dis-
pute. It should be borne in mind
that while the Council should en-
deavour to be at all time help-
ful, it is not their duty to point
out to clubs what the rules are.
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that purpose.

(Continued on Page 10.)



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ON TENTER-HOOKS OWING TO THE MANCHURIAN CRISIS.

REVIEW OF AN EVENTFUL MONTH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Foochow, Nov. 30.
On November 9 we heard H.M.S. Petersfield was due here on the 11th, with Admiral Sir Howard and Lady Kelly on board. Official dinners and a reception were to be given at the Consulate and all were arranged when the news reached us that the Petersfield had gone ashore on the Tung Yung rocks about 80 miles from Foochow and became a total wreck. The weather outside had been thick for some days and a day or so earlier a small Japanese steamer had gone ashore near the same rocks.

Manchuria and Rumours.

The last month has proved an exciting one in many ways, owing to the Manchurian affair. Wonderful rumours have been floating around with the result the Chinese have been on tenter-hooks. Martial Law was declared and curfew was rung according to the strength of the rumours, or any small incident which might have happened. One night we would be stopped at 8 o'clock and the next at 7 o'clock; and the evening a couple of bombs were thrown and were challenged at 6.30 p.m. Nobody seems to know or are at all sure where the bombs were actually thrown, but no damage seems to have been done. It was not an anti-Japanese action but only an incident in a local political feud. A man called Lin was beheaded in the summer and the local Chinese say that his friends have returned and are trying to get their revenge on the official who was responsible for his death, but once again this may not be the truth. Foreigners are free to come and go though they are challenged by the sentries, but all streets are clear of Chinese from the latest 8 o'clock onwards.

Fixed Bayonets.

Marines are on duty at all strategic points and with great zeal challenge all comers. We have come to the conclusion that either Chinese rifles cannot be fired with bayonets fixed, or that the marines feel safer if the bayonets are removed, as whenever we are challenged the sentry removes his bayonet as he comes forward. We wish they were always removed as when they are fixed it is wise to give the sentries a clear space. One lady nearly had a bayonet in her eye when the sentry turned, and another resident had one through the roof of his chair, which gave his old chair coolie at the back an opportunity for expressing his opinion of the sentry in a fluent style. Each guard has now with them a policeman, who seems to possess more sense than all the marines put together, as well as knowing who the different people are. One member of the community has had a lantern made bearing the Chinese of his firm, as he got heartily tired of being challenged about six times on his nightly pilgrimage. This lantern is a source of great amusement to the sentries and also saves his voice.

A Nasty Incident.

On the 15th a foreigner returning from the City about 5.30 p.m. on a motor cycle saw a marine ahead of him, and though he heard no challenge and was not expecting one at the time, saw the man step forward. The next moment he felt something wet on his foot, and found the petrol leaking through a hole in the tank, made by the bayonet of the marine. A few more inches and it would have pierced his leg and the local authorities might have decided it was another occasion for a repetition of the

Thorburn affair to avoid immediate enquiries. There was a man riding pillion on the motor cycle who saw the actual lunge but thought it was in fun, and the noise of the cycle prevented the sound of the impact being heard. Having mentioned the Thorburn affair I might say that though the "powers that be" have accepted the Chinese Government's version of the episode, we eat here in China have not, and we hope that they realise that if after this affair they go on with the negotiations of Extraterritoriality they will be placing British residents in a very perilous position. If Extraterritoriality would be retained for the benefit of those living in Shanghai, it would be an education to those apparently credulous people in power if they were to reside in China proper for a time—in out-posts and places inland where there is no foreign protection or law courts, taxes imposed ad lib. and where in case of sudden danger no chance of flight.

Echoes of the Sino-Japanese Crisis.

The Japanese have been somewhat antagonised by Britain's attitude over the Manchurian affair, and say we have favoured the Chinese. This opinion has been clearly shown in various ways and places. In Tientsin, for instance, they were to have supplied Asahi beer at the dance held on Armistice. This was a Red Dog Evening and the proceeds were to go to the fund for the disabled soldiers. At the last moment the Japanese said that owing to Britain's attitude towards them over the Manchurian affair they did not feel inclined to supply the beer, or help towards the fund. A glorified launch, or river gunboat was brought up to the Bund by the Japs a little while ago. This caused great excitement among the Chinese, who at once had one of their boats brought up as well. After a few days it went down river again. Rumours went around that the Japanese had evacuated their women and children on her and that war in Foochow was imminent. Then it was said that the Japanese had sent their boat away, but both these rumours died a quick death with the return of the gunboat which had merely gone down to Pagoda Anchorage to refuel, and she is now at her former station.

Dr. Eddy's "Plain Speech."

The port has received a visit from Dr. Eddy of the Y.M.C.A., who was not very popular with the officials here on account of his determination to stick to the truth. He lectured several times and told the students and youths that he was all for a unified China, but first they would have to do away with corrupt officials in order to obtain this ideal. Government officials were interested and asked if he would lecture before them. We understand this was done, and that they were in no way spared. Few people like being told the truth and though one's sympathies are all with a man like Eddy, whose ideals may be reached within the millennium, we doubt if he will do much good in China.

The Provincial Government's request for school boys and girls to wear some kind of uniform has met with a good response, and in a few years there should be a fine army of soldiers and Amazons to take the field against anybody disputing their sovereign rights. At present they are merely full of their own self-importance. Admiral Yang Shu Chuang is still up North, undergoing treatment, we understand, for his various diseases. His continued absence does not appear to affect the local government at all.

NEW CENTRAL CHINA RAILWAY.

SUCCESS OF HANGCHOW-ANHWA SECTION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Hangchow, Dec. 4.
In an earlier letter I referred to the Hangchow-Lanchi railway, the first section of which joining Chuki to the provincial capital was opened to traffic in July. This 40-mile section is proving popular, and the entire line of approximately 160 miles is expected to be completed before the end of March next. From Chuki to Lanchi there will be ten stations, thus the interior will be efficiently linked up with the capital, and better facilities for transport of produce, which is so abundant in that locality, will be available.

At the end of October the section from Chuki to Anhwa was opened to traffic, and this month the service will be extended to Iwa.

It is estimated that the construction of the entire line will cost the Chekiang Provincial Government \$4,000,000, \$3,000,000 of this has been loaned by a Banking Syndicate, and the balance is to be raised through mortgages and loans. It is expected that after the line has been in operation for a few years the receipts will be such that the loans and mortgages will be redeemed.

Help for General Ma.

The students have been carrying on active campaigns for raising funds to help General Ma in Manchuria, and most of the schools—Government and Mission—have allowed their students to proceed to Nanking on patriotic grounds. For this purpose a week's interregnum was permitted.

Salaries in Arrears.

Recent interviews with some of the staff of the Chekiang University reveal that their salaries have not been paid since July last, and as though that was not enough, their salaries have been taxed at source exorbitantly to help swell the coffers of the Flood Relief Fund, and to make a comfortable nucleus for new Government buildings in Nanking.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford of the A.P.C. have gone on furlough and are succeeded by Mr. and Mrs. Bates transferred from Soochow. Miss Mildred Owen of the General Staff of the Y.W.C.A. has been lent to the local committee for six months, and is at present organising a financial drive.

WOMAN STEALS FROM FRIEND.

HOSPITALITY WHICH COST \$1,300.

STUDENT'S WIFE IN TROUBLE.

How the hospitality of a Chinese woman caused her the loss of jewellery to the extent of \$1,300 was related by Sergeant Rowley at Central Magistracy yesterday when a young woman pleaded guilty to the theft of a quantity of jewellery from an address in Man Chung Fong, Wanchai.

It was stated that the woman went to the complainant's house and after a brief stay asked if she might be given permission to use the bedroom, a request which was readily granted. The complainant went upstairs meanwhile and the defendant closed the door of the bedroom.

The next morning it was discovered that the jewellery was missing and when the complainant learned from an amah that the visitor had closed the bedroom door, suspicion was aroused and a report was made to the police, which resulted in the arrest of the woman and the recovery of the jewellery. A diamond bracelet had already been pawned for \$300 and the money, according to the defendant, had been given to a man, who had since absconded to Canton.

His Worship made inquiries as to the defendant's character and was told that she lived with her mother-in-law in Yau-mat, but the woman would not come to Court and would not have anything to do with her daughter-in-law. The defendant's husband, it was stated, was a student.

His Worship remanded the case for 24 hours to secure the attendance of some of the defendant's relatives.

DEATH OF CHINESE PRISONER.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST OTHER CONVICT.

INQUIRY AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.

At Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, an inquiry was held into the death of a Chinese, Chung Tong, 30, who was a prisoner at Laichikok Prison and who died in the Kowloon Hospital following an operation on Saturday.

Mr. J. A. Fraser sat as Coroner, assisted by a jury comprising Messrs. Mann (foreman), Remedios and Lo.

In the witness-box, Dr. Court of the Kowloon Hospital said that he first saw the deceased at the prison hospital (Laichikok) when he examined him and found him to be suffering from peritonitis. His condition was such that it necessitated his instant removal to the Kowloon Hospital where it was found that an immediate operation was necessary. The operation took place shortly after noon on Saturday and the man died at 9 p.m. the same day.

Witness said that while he was examining the deceased before the operation, the latter told him that he was trodden on and hit by another prisoner. He (the deceased) was in great pain but he appeared to be fully conscious.

Good Prison Record.

Acting Chief Warder Hill stated that the deceased was admitted to Victoria Gaol on November 25, and was transferred to Laichikok on November 30. He had been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and during the time that he was in gaol, the man had a good record, there being no report what ever against him.

Witness said that prior to being admitted to the prison hospital, the

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deceased complained of constipation and later he said that he was kicked and struck by another prisoner, Lam Foc. He (witness) had this man produced and when the deceased saw him he shouted at once, "this is the man." When he told Lam what it was all about, continued witness, the latter absolutely denied it and said that he, together with another prisoner, picked the deceased up after he had fallen down in the lavatory. Evidence was given by other witnesses after which the inquiry was adjourned.

WANTED IN CANADA.

WELL-DRESSED WOMAN IN COURT.

ALLEGED LARCENY OF G.\$800.

Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds made an application to Mr. Grantham at Central Magistracy yesterday for the repatriation to Canada of a fashionably-dressed Chinese woman who is wanted by the Canadian Government on a charge of the larceny of G.\$800.

The Chief Detective Inspector told Mr. Grantham that the woman was held on a warrant issued at the request of the Canadian Government and signed by Mr. W. Schofield. He added that the woman disembarked from a steamer at Shanghai and later discovered she had left two or three packages on board the ship. She later arrived in Hong Kong and on Sunday night went to the Water Police Station where she made inquiries about the lost luggage.

In answer to his Worship, C.D.I. Reynolds said that it might probably be a family dispute and asked for a remand of 48 hours so that he might communicate by cable to Canada.

His Worship gave the necessary remand and granted bail in the sum of \$5,000.

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S TRANSACTIONS.

The market yesterday morning opened with a firmer undertone and some improvement in prices.

Sales.
Hong Kong Lands, \$81.
Hong Kong Electric, \$70.
Star Ferries, \$90.
Telephones (part paid), \$29.

Buyers.
Unions, \$425.
Wharves, \$154.
Hotels (old), \$15.10.
Hotels (new), \$14.00.
Chinese Estates, \$80.
Trams, \$21.20.
Star Ferries, \$90.
Telephones (fully paid), \$49.
Telephones (part paid), \$29.
Dairy Farms, \$29.

Hong Kong Government Loan, \$21 per cent. premium.
Raffles, \$42.
Providents (old), \$5.15.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
Hong Kong Lands, \$80.
Ewos, \$15.15.
Peak Trams (new), \$6.60.
Hong Kong Electric, \$78.
Canton Ice, \$9.
Cements (combined), \$19.10.
Lane, Crawfords (old), \$9.

Sellers.
Waterboats, \$87.
China Lights, \$88.
S.O. Enterprises, \$10.
Venezuela Goldfields, \$2.
Hong Kong Electric, \$78.00.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

During the day prices kept steady and there was a fair amount of business passing.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

Sir,—In the belief that my experience last night might be the future experience of many others, unless the present state of things is remedied, I am writing you this short letter hoping that it will come to the notice of those who may be able to put matters right.

Last night after dinner, I had occasion to go over to Hong Kong to get a doctor's prescription dispensed. (I am living in Kowloon, where there seems to be no place which will give you medicine on a doctor's prescription after the dinner hour.) I went round to all the chemist shops I could find but they were closed, and only by chance did I finally succeed in getting what I wanted, through one of the assistants of a certain dispensary being in the shop at a late hour on some private business.

The fact is that, ordinarily, no matter how serious a case might be, it is impossible at present to get any medicine after say 9.30 p.m. This, Sir, is far from satisfactory.

In Shanghai, where I lived before coming to Hong Kong, one can always go to a chemist and get a prescription dispensed at any hour of the night. If the shop is closed, a ring at the bell will always bring some one to the door who will give the medicine required. Hong Kong has scores of doctors, but apparently no establishment where you can get medicines prescribed by them after about 9 o'clock at night—Yours, etc.

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THE NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 30th December, 1931, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th June, 1931, and electing Directors and Auditors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 14th Dec., 1931. [1572]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 18 of Probate Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the Time for Creditors and Others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 13th Day of JANUARY, 1932.

All Creditors and Others are accordingly hereby required to send in their Claims to the Under-signed on or before that date.

Dated the 14th day of Dec., 1931.
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Executor,
Princes Building, Ice House Street,
Hong Kong. [1570]

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG

MEMBERS are requested to send in as soon as possible their applications for tickets for the Ball, to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday, 6th January, 1932.

Englishmen wishing to join the Society may obtain particulars from the under-signed.

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Tables may be booked at the Peninsula or Hong Kong Hotels. Charge for each person \$5.00. Payment must be made when booking tables, tickets will be issued.

By Order,
B. D. EVANS,
Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors of the above-named Company have resolved to issue 30,000 shares, forming the remaining part of the unissued Capital of the Company and that such shares shall in the first instance be offered to the persons appearing in the Company's register of members as shareholders on the 1st day of January, 1932, at par and on terms and conditions which will be communicated to such persons at a later date. The attention of all persons who are now or may become before the 1st day of January, 1932, the holders of shares in the above-named Company in respect of which their names have not been entered in the Company's register of members is particularly directed to the above resolution and to the fact that in the event of such persons wishing to participate in the said offer they should take immediate steps to have their names entered in the Company's register of members.

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BIRTH.
On December 14, at the Peak Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. NOWERS, a son.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. Wong Kam Fex and family beg their relatives and friends to accept their most sincere and heartfelt thanks for their expressions of sympathy and floral tributes and for attending the funeral.

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THE GOLD STANDARD.

ONE of the chief effects of the suspension of gold payments by the Bank of England was that other countries started to strengthen their gold reserves. As gold could no longer be obtained from the Bank of England, the demand was transferred to New York with the result that, despite substantial imports, the monetary gold stocks of the United States were reduced between mid-September and the end of October by \$160 millions. As against this loss of gold by the United States, the stocks of France were increased by \$43 millions, of Holland by \$14 millions, of Belgium by \$27 millions and of Switzerland by \$38 millions.

The significance of the figures is suggested by the following records of the movements of gold since the year 1922, the amounts being given in millions of pounds sterling for the holdings of six of the countries most concerned.

Dec., Dec., Dec., Oct.,
1922, 1929, 1930, 1931.

Great Britain 133 140 148 136
United States 807 850 944 881
France 219 335 431 514
Holland 48 37 35 69
Belgium 11 34 30 73
Switzerland 21 24 28 37

It was in 1922 that a Conference was held in Geneva dealing, amongst other things, with the problem of the restoration of currency stability in Europe and the re-adoption of the gold standard. At that Conference the conclusion was reached that certain steps, if taken, "might suffice to establish a gold standard, but its successful maintenance would be materially promoted, not only by the proposed collaboration of Central Banks, but by an international convention to be adopted at a suitable time. The purpose of

the convention would be to centralize and co-ordinate the demand for gold, and so to avoid those wide fluctuations in the purchasing power of gold which might otherwise result from the simultaneous and competitive efforts of a number of countries to secure metallic reserves."

Professor GUSTAV CASSER in his *Memorandum on the World's Monetary Problems*, written in 1920, had emphasised the necessity of international co-operation to avoid serious changes in the value of gold. He said, "It seems then, in the first instance, to be a common interest for the world to prevent gold from rising again in value. The present low value of gold is mainly the consequence of a relatively diminished demand for gold for monetary purposes. The actual circulation of gold is very generally abandoned, and the great Central Banks have reduced their claims on relative gold coverings considerably. Should a return to pre-war conditions in this respect set in, the inevitable consequence would be an enhancement of the value of gold. To avoid this, it is necessary that all countries should abstain from measures for reintroducing an actual gold-circulation and content themselves with their present standard of gold holdings as a basis for their paper circulation. Countries which are in a position to draw gold to themselves from the rest of the world should abstain from doing so. Thus the stabilisation of the value of gold will clearly require, in the coming years, a close co-operation of all countries."

It is interesting to notice how little attention has been paid to Professor CASSER's advice and to the conclusions reached by the Geneva Conference and how closely the consequences have approximated to the forecasts.

It is also interesting to remember that when Great Britain returned to the gold standard in April, 1925, one justification for that return was the belief, freely expressed at the time, and justified by the Geneva Conference, that the 20th century would witness a great development in international co-operation.

Since the suspension of gold payments by Great Britain on September 21, several countries, in addition to those which formerly have definitely linked to sterling, have found it necessary to take similar action. In these circumstances, a grave responsibility devolves upon Great Britain in the management of her currency and in any decisions she may make as to her future policy, as her example is likely to exert a very wide influence. It is necessary that the World in general, and those countries which are relying upon sterling in particular, should realise the determination of the National Government of Great Britain by drastic economies and the imposition of heavy additional taxation to balance the Budgets for both the current and the succeeding year. The restoration of a net favourable balance on the international trading account is also one of the tasks being undertaken by Parliament. Moreover, in the light of the experience gathered during the post-war period, there should be no danger of the development of inflationary tendencies.

At the same time it is important to emphasise that a return to the gold standard cannot be hurried. The various impediments to its smooth working have recurred in its complete breakdown and it would be extremely unwise for Great Britain again to link her currency to gold until there is a reasonable prospect that all countries adopt the system will agree to abide by rules, the non-observance of which has been mainly responsible for the existing position.

It has never been claimed that the gold standard was free from imperfections, but prior to the War, when, to a much greater extent than in the post-war period, it was allowed to operate according to the recognised principles and gold movements were permitted to exercise their normal influence as ad-

justing factors upon the credit structures of the countries concerned, it proved its value and was gradually adopted by the greater part of the civilised world. In those days, monetary gold was not regarded as a commodity for the settlement of international debts, but as an adjusting agent for the correction of unbalanced trading positions and the present breakdown has shown the necessity for a return to these broad principles, even if modern conditions may necessitate some modification of the system in detail. It is along these lines that reconstruction plans must be laid, but it is generally recognised that if they are to be successfully operated, a much greater degree of international co-operation will be required than has proved possible in recent years.

SIXTY BOOKS A DAY.

WHEN one gazes into a modern bookseller's window, replete from top to bottom with new books in their gay "jackets," it is difficult not to be overcome by a feeling of despair. So many interesting, instructive, or entertaining volumes are poured out daily that it is quite impossible, even for the most diligent reader, to keep abreast of the times. It is always comforting to reflect, however, that practically all one's fellows are in precisely the same predicament, and the latest statistics will still further assuage the secret sorrow of those who are blessed with neither the time nor the digestion to benefit from the daily feast prepared for them. It appears that more than a million of additional shelf accommodation is required each year at the British Museum Library to store the books received. Last year 22,567 volumes were added, an average of over 80 new books or new editions of old books a day. It gives the officials as much as they can do to catalogue and scientifically assemble these works, far less assimilate their contents, and the rest of us may therefore suffer from no inferiority complex. The probability is that a large percentage of this flood of learning and literature is worth comparatively little save to a few experts in each category. But then, who can say to-day what will be valued most 50 or 100 years hence?

"To-morrow."

James Brady, who spent more than 40 of his 73 years in prison, and who was befriended by the Recorder of London, Sir Ernest W. R. C. Brady, was buried at Kensal Green, N.W. Brady once told the Recorder that he had a chance in life and he was then given his first chance. Brady, who died in London last month, never broke his promise to the Recorder, and went "straight" until his death.

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★ News and Views ★

Giver and Receiver.

Wife: "I can't just decide what to get my husband for a little gift."
Helpful Friend: "Don't tell me there isn't anything you need!"

The Alternative.

It is understood from a well-informed French source that if the French anti-bandit army in Corsica is unsuccessful in bringing its quarry to bay, the American example in dealing with gangsters will be followed, and a corps of highly-trained Inspectors of Income Tax will be despatched to Ajaccio.

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★ Local Notes and Events ★

From the Files.

Looking Back 25 Years.

The following have been selected to play for the H.K.F.C. in the Rugby match against the Garrison to-day. Kick-off at 4.30 p.m. The club will play in colours. Referee, J. Clark. A. Gregory, T. E. Pearce, C. M. Freshaw, F. C. Kendall and J. Hall; J. C. Joughin and L. J. Blackburn; H. G. T. Bailey, H. M. Kendall, H. W. Lester, L. S. Greenhill, A. Gange, W. J. Daniel, E. G. Munro and T. G. Drakeford.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, Dec. 16, 1906.

Looking Back 50 Years.

At the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the Club Lusitano, held on Saturday, the following officers and committee were elected:—President, M. C. da Costa (re-elected); Hon. Treasurer, C. Danenberg; J. L. S. Alves and A. dos Remedios. The above form the committee Messrs. J. A. dos Remedios and P. A. da Costa (re-elected) were elected the Financial Committee, and Messrs. A. F. Alves and A. A. dos Remedios were appointed auditors.

The following are the officers of the Perseverance Lodge of Freemasons for the year 1932 appointed at the meeting on Friday night:—Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Danby; Senior Warden, Bro. P. B. C. Ayres; Junior Warden, Bro. E. George; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. C. G. (Continued on Previous Column.)

THE CHOICE OF THE CONNOISSEUR

SCOTCH WHISKY WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE CAPTURED

TUE SUNSHINE OF THE BARLEY. . . . THE TANG

OF THE PEAT SMOKE . . .

THE MELLOWNESS OF GREAT

AGE. . . . WHISKY

WITH A FRAGRANT BOUQUET,

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A GENIAL FLAVOUR THAT

WARMS THE HEART—SUCH

IS DEWAR'S, A BARE

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A bride from Scotland, Miss

Helen McLeod, daughter of the

late Mr. McLeod and of Mrs. Mc-

Leod, of The Temple, Auchinleck,

Ayrshire, was honoured at her

wedding yesterday by bagpipes be-

ing played on arrival and depart-

ure from the Union Church,

where she was married to Mr.

James Bulloch, Superintendent of

the local Dairy Farm, and son of

Mr. T. Bulloch, of West Calder,

Midlothian, Scotland.

Mr. A. Stevenson gave the bride-

away. She was attired in white

chiffon velvet and georgette, pearl

necklaces and long white net veil

edged with silver thread. Her

bouquet was of white roses and

maiden hair fern.

The matron of honour, Mrs.

Stevenson, was dressed in brown

lace, pan velvet coat, and hat to

match.

Dresses of peach taffeta trimmed

with white fur were worn by the

flower girls, the Misses Margaret

and Joyce Crookdale, who carried

bouquets of African daisies.

Mr. A. D. Wyllie discharged the

duties of "best man," while Mr.

H. C. Watson played the bagpipes.

Following the Church ceremony,

at which the Rev. E. G. Powell

officiated, a reception was held at

the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong

Hotel. The bride's going away

costume was a blue crepe suede

dress and coat, with beige lace

hat, and beige shoes.

Mr. Wallace as Preacher.

Mr. Edgar Wallace, whose foible

is voracity, is now going to preach

sermon. Many people will be sur-

prised only to hear that he has never

done it before.

One is reminded, but only be-

WESTERN AFFAIRS
REQUIRE ATTENTIONDISARMAMENT CONFER-
ENCE MAY BE DELAYED

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 14.

With the heartfelt hope that handiwork will behave tolerably well in order to give the League resolution a chance to operate, European commentators accept the Chinese and Japanese assurances to avoid aggravating the situation as affording an opportunity to Western Statesmen to get abreast of serious cases accumulating nearer home.

Nevertheless, indications are not wanting that responsible circles, who are already apprehensive lest the opening of the Disarmament Conference will be delayed by chaotic unsettled European problems, are closely studying reports from their Far Eastern representatives and are ready to take steps to forestall any further delay imposed therefrom.

The International Committee, at Basel, is patiently hearing Germany's case which furnishes the key to the situation, for upon the Basel report depends the nature and scope of the subsequent International Economic Conference, to which at least Great Britain is looking for a formula that not only will yield an economic improvement but create an atmosphere favourable to a substantial European disarmament, and thereby increase the chances of the American Senate consenting to consider a revision of War debts; hence it is devoutly hoped that further complication at present will not intrude from the Far East.

COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION
NOT YET APPOINTED

PARIS, Dec. 14.

It is understood that the Drafting Committee of the Sino-Japanese dispute will not hold formal meetings, members will merely remain in close contact with each other and M. Briand, and until the commission has been formed and despatched, these informal discussions will necessarily be private.

CABINET'S BUSY WEEK

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 14.

The first of a series of Cabinet meetings to be held this week took place at 10 Downing Street this morning.

Ministers will meet again tomorrow morning and in the afternoon, and again on Wednesday for two sessions. Questions both internal and external are to be reviewed and include tariff issues and preparations for the International Economic Conference to deal with reparations and War debts to be held next month.

JAPANESE ARMS FOR
TIENTSIN.MARTIAL LAW DECLARED
WHILE SHIPMENT LANDED.

Tientsin, December 8.—Another large shipment of Japanese arms and ammunition arrived at Tientsin via Tangku yesterday. The consignment consisting of over 500 cases of cartridges and machine gun ammunition and 300 tins of kerosene were transported here aboard a Japanese gunboat early in the afternoon. For three hours martial law was declared in the area along the river-front where the gunboat was anchored until the entire shipment was conveyed to the Japanese military barracks by 3 p.m.

With the situation quieter and part of the defence works in the Japanese Concession removed, curfew hours were lifted at the Concessions after dark. Inhabitants, owing to illness, and their leaving and entering the area are placed had been taken at short notice now free to go about without being subjected to searches. In view of the fact that Chinese shops in the Concession are still reluctant to open for fear of further trouble, the Japanese police authorities issued a proclamation requiring that all children and the thoroughness of business be resumed as from December 8, under penalty of a heavy fine.

Martial law is still in force in the Chinese city after dark. Owing to persistent rumours that another way to a Nativist play "Good uprising is being planned for to-day Tiding." During the intervals two or to-morrow, the Chinese authorities are taking every possible precaution against eventualities.

MAGISTRATE SHOT
DEADOUTRAGE BY TWO BENGALI
WOMEN

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New Delhi, Dec. 14.

Mr. Charles Geoffrey Buckland Stevens, the district magistrate at Tippera, Bengal, was shot dead by two Bengali women. Both the women were arrested.

MR. W. CHURCHILL IN
MOTOR ACCIDENTNO ONE TO BLAME BUT
HIMSELF

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 14.

When crossing 5th Avenue Mr. Winston Churchill was knocked down by a motor-car. He was immediately rushed to hospital where, after an examination, it was found that his right shoulder was sprained and his forehead and nose lacerated.

Injuries Not Serious.

Mr. Winston Churchill's injuries are not serious and it is expected he will leave hospital to-day.

When interviewed he declared the accident was his own fault. He was hurrying to keep an appointment and crossed 5th Avenue against the traffic signals.

NEW CUNARD
LINERHOPE TO RESTART WORK
NEXT YEAR

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 14.

Determined efforts are being made to have the construction of the new Cunard liner restarted on the Clyde in the New Year.

Sir Percy Bates, Chairman of the Cunard Company, will return to London early this week and meetings will take place with Board of Trade and Treasury officials.

The *New Chronicle* states that the company required a guarantee from Government enabling them to raise the necessary money on favourable terms, and hopes are expressed that something may be done in this direction.

In an interview with a *Daily Herald* representative Sir P. Bates said he was confident that "none of the £1,500,000 already spent on the ship will be wasted."

VICTORIA BRITISH
SCHOOL.LAST ANNUAL CONCERT
AND PRIZE-GIVING.MRS. SOUTHERN DISTRIBUTES
THE PRIZES.

The annual prizegiving of the Victoria British School—incidentally the last the school will ever have, for it is being closed down at the end of the current year—was held at the end of the current year, when the concert hall of the building was filled to capacity with old boys and girls and present pupils with their parents and friends.

A programme of plays, delightfully performed by the younger pupils of the school, was received with enthusiastic applause, and the diction, control and dressing of the players reflected great credit on those mistresses responsible for the production.

At the conclusion of the concert Mrs. W. T. Southern presented the prizes, and was in turn presented with a bouquet by Patricia Ewing.

Unnecessary Apology.

A comedy sketch, "The Butcher, the Baker, the Candlestick Maker," was the first item on the programme, and was performed in the absence of Mrs. E. M. Clark, an announced leave of Mrs. E. M. Clark, and children who were in the original few hours were lifted at the Concessions after dark. Inhabitants, owing to illness, and their leaving and entering the area are placed had been taken at short notice now free to go about without being subjected to searches. In view of the fact that Chinese shops in the Concession are still reluctant to open for fear of further trouble, the Japanese police authorities issued a proclamation requiring that all children and the thoroughness of business be resumed as from December 8, under penalty of a heavy fine.

Martial law is still in force in the Chinese city after dark. Owing to persistent rumours that another way to a Nativist play "Good uprising is being planned for to-day Tiding." During the intervals two or to-morrow, the Chinese authorities are taking every possible precaution against eventualities.

(Continued on next Column.)

POUND STERLING
IMPROVESATTRIBUTED TO STATE-
MENT FROM WASHINGTON

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 14.

Sterling on New York again showed a marked appreciation when the Foreign Exchange Market opened in London. The rate had risen from 3.573 to 3.581.

The improvement was attributed largely to a statement in Washington on War debts made by the United States Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Andrew Mellon. He drew attention to the heavier burden on Britain in regard to the decreased value of the pound, which involves practically a fifty per cent. increase in Britain's annual payments.

By the terms of the Balfour Note, Britain only takes from her debtors what she needs to pay her American debt. In view of the delay by the Hoover Moratorium it was announced in Washington, on Saturday night, that foreign governments would be informed that the non-payment of their debt instalments would not be regarded as irregular.

The British instalment falling due to-morrow in the absence of a moratorium would be \$70,000,070.

FIDUCIARY NOTE
ISSUETO REMAIN SAME FOR
FURTHER TWO MONTHS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The Bank of England fiduciary issue is to be maintained for a further two months at the existing figure of £275,000,000.

JAPAN SUSPENDS
GOLD PAYMENTS

LONDON SURPRISED

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 14.

The announcement that Japan had suspended gold payments, which is made by the new Japanese Government, caused a little surprise to-day in London.

Countries in addition to Britain and Japan which have now abandoned the gold standard include Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Spain, India, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Argentina, Brazil.

At the conclusion of the entertainment Mrs. W. T. Southern, Miss G. W. Buckwell, Mrs. E. M. Clark, Mr. G. P. de Martin and Professor L. Forster took their places on the platform, in preparation for the distribution of prizes.

Mr. G. P. de Martin, after having read the headmistress' report for the year, said: "During the absence of Mrs. Clark the school has been very ably and efficiently conducted by Miss Buckwell. (Applause.) Miss Buckwell had asked me to express thanks to Mr. Tribbeck, the President of this Home, for the kind loan of the hall and to Mr. Smith, who arranged the hall in readiness for us."

Tribute to Mrs. Clark.

"Before I thank Mrs. Southern for coming here I cannot let the occasion go without welcoming Mrs. Clark back from leave. Mrs. Clark has been headmistress of this school for eleven years. During that time many children have passed through the school and there must be many girls and boys in the Colony and in England and elsewhere who owe a good deal to Mrs. Clark. I would like to thank her on behalf of the Department, and especially on behalf of the parents of children, for the excellent work she has done for eleven years in this school, and I am sorry that she will not be able to go on with it."

I would like to thank Mrs. Southern for being present with us this afternoon. (Applause.)

Mrs. Southern's Speech.

The prizes were then distributed Mrs. Southern, who afterwards said, "I am not going to make a long speech but I do want to express my appreciation of the wonderful entertainment that has been given to us. I think it was thoroughly artistic and absolutely natural which cannot be said for some of the things one sees."

I want to congratulate Miss Stuart, who designed and executed these wonderful dresses, and I think a special vote of thanks should be given to her because it was very largely due to her that the children looked so charming and presented such a feast of colour."

Applause for Miss Stuart.

Mrs. Southern then called for applause for Miss Stuart, and after (Continued on next Column.)

YANGTZE SHIPPING
DISASTEREXPLOSION ON S.S.
TA TEOver 200 Passengers
Drowned or Burned

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.

BETWEEN two hundred and fifty and three hundred passengers were drowned or burned to death when the steamer Ta Te, carrying six hundred passengers from Shanghai to Tungchow, in the Yangtze Estuary, caught fire yesterday morning following an explosion in the engine-room.

Survivors reaching Shanghai this afternoon state that at 10 o'clock yesterday morning there was a terrific explosion followed immediately by flames and smoke.

The passengers panicked and many jumped into the icy river and were drowned.

Immediately a number of boats gathered round and saved a considerable number, while a Japanese steamer rescued a few. Scores of passengers were trapped in the ship's interior and were burned alive. The S.S. Ta Te was built locally forty years ago.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

SPAIN BEAT IRISH FREE
STATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 13.

At Dublin to-day, in a soccer international match, Spain defeated the Irish Free State by five goals to nil.

WEATHER-REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone is moving eastward and is now central over S.W. Japan.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

It had been given very heartily Mrs. Southern went on to say: "It is a great pleasure to me to be here because Mrs. Clark and Miss Buckwell are very good friends of mine and they have been a great help in their new work and I am sure that all the pupils of this school will be a credit to any schools to which they are allotted and I congratulate those schools to which they will go."

"I am very sorry that this school has to be closed because I have very pleasant memories of it, but I am sure that Mrs. Clark and Miss Buckwell will have a happy time in their new work."

"I wish all of you, both young and old, a very happy Christmas. (Applause.)"

Miss Buckwell thanked Mrs. Southern for distributing the prizes, and called for a really special clap for her. Mrs. Southern was then presented with a bouquet by Patricia Ewing.

On the proposal of Mr. G. P. de Martin three hearty cheers and a "tiger" were accorded Mrs. Southern, after which a call for three cheers for Miss Buckwell and the Victoria British School from one of the pupils was given a vociferous reply.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to an end.

Prize Winners.

The following were the prize winners:—

Class 7.—Scholarship gained by Joan Ewing, and first prize for examination. Second prize, for the best all-round work throughout the year, Billy Pryde.

Class 8.—1, Mona Shand. Class 9.—1, Peggio Hamer; 2, Klaus May.

Class 10.—1, Beryl Hyne; 2, Pauline Strange; 3, Kenneth Stone.

Other prizes were handed to the following juniors: Pauline Strange, Vivien Lockhart, Betty Wadmore, Alma Rogers, Roy Hackman, Muriel Gelling, Irene Pinguet, Jacqueline Kew, Lionel Strange, Sammy Salmon, Alan Cletcher, Rene Ohl, Arthur Caro and Joan Goldsmith.

CHIANG KAI SHEK'S
RETIREMENTRUMOURS DENIED BY CHEN
MING SHU

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.

According to General Chen Ming Shu, formerly Kwangtung Provincial Governor, the prospects of the early establishment of a united National Government of China have been greatly exaggerated.

The report this week-end, given considerable prominence in both the Chinese and foreign Press in all parts of China, declaring that important Government changes are being effected, was emphatically denied by Chen Ming Shu upon his return from Nanking this morning.

He stated that he had had an informal conference with Chiang Kai Shek during his visit to Nanking and declared that he had heard nothing regarding the proposed retirement of Chiang Kai Shek to-day.

He also denied the reports that Mr. Lin Shu would soon be named acting Chairman of the Government and that he himself would become acting President of the Executive Yuan.

(Wah Tse Yat Pao.)

CANTON, Dec. 14.

According to well-informed circles, the Canton Government is determined to maintain its independent position vis-a-vis Nanking if Marshal Chiang Kai Shek fails to announce his retirement before December 20.

BEDLAM AT SHAI
NORTH STATIONSTUDENT VOLUNTEERS
LEAVE FOR NANKING

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.

Several delegations of Shanghai students invaded the North Railway Station clamouring for train transport to Nanking. The vestibule, platforms, waiting rooms and yards were converted into a veritable bedlam as several thousand delegates and an equal number of supporters virtually took possession of the station and demanded special trains.

Buzes of the Student Volunteers blared mingling with the shrill train whistles to create discord, while the volunteers performed drill operations. Incoming and outgoing travellers watched the proceedings. Lasty cheers accompanied the departure of seven hundred students, while five thousand more intend going to Nanking.

Further Demonstrations Required! (Wah Tse Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.

Demonstrations and other forms of agitation staged in the past are still regarded as insufficient to bring pressure on the Nanking Government to repudiate the alleged humiliating terms imposed by the League of Nations for the settlement of the Manchurian affair, the Students' Union of Shanghai is proposing the formation of a petitioning body representative of students' unions of various places throughout the country. A circular telegram appealing to students to support the cause has been drawn up and is expected to be issued shortly.

MERCURY RISING.

ANTI-CYCLONE LEAVES
NORTH CHINA.

"The anti-cyclone has left North China so that the chances are that the temperature will rise," said an official of the Royal Observatory when interviewed by our representative regarding the cold snap experienced over the week-end. The lowest reading recorded during the period was 41.7 degs. at 7 a.m. on Sunday and was, incidentally, the second lowest temperature registered during the month of December according to the records at the Observatory which date back to as far as December 1884. The lowest reading, 40.7 degrees, was taken on December 23, 1895.

It is not usual to have such cold weather here in December when normally the temperature is somewhere in the neighbourhood of 62.9 degrees, but the cause of the cold snap we had was a large increase of pressure over North China due to the formation of an anti-cyclone inducing a northerly current of dry cold air over South China.

The maximum temperature on Saturday was 72.0 degrees at 12.51 p.m. and from this point the mercury began to fall until it reached 41.7 degrees at 7 a.m. the next day, thus causing a drop of 30.3 degrees in 19 hours and 5 minutes.

For those who do not like this cold weather the news that the temperature is slowly going up again will be very welcome. There is little doubt, however, that the winter is beginning to set in.

DEFENCE OF
CANTONSTRICT PRECAUTIONARY
MEASURES BEING TAKEN

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Dec. 14.

The Canton Government is paying great attention to the national defence of the provinces under its jurisdiction. A special meeting was held yesterday afternoon in Government House for the purpose, and among those in attendance were General Chen Tsi Tong, Li Taung Jen, Pei Chung Hsi, Heung Hon Ping, Li Yang King, Yu Han Mow and Mow Pui Nam.

It is understood that in elaborate programme for national defence was drawn up. A number of gunboats, including the Chungshan and the Feiyang, have been dispatched to Hainan Island and Tongkawan to the guard the waters there. Practically all the airplanes in Canton have left for Tongkawan and Fuzhou in accordance with orders. These planes, including a dozen or so bombers and several for scouting purposes, are co-operating with the Navy in the matter of national defence.

General Li Yang King, Commander of the Third Army of the First Corps of the Canton Government, and a trusted subordinate of General Chen Tsi Tong, has been appointed Garrison Commander of Canton with orders to adopt such precautionary measures as he may see fit to insure the safety of the Southern capital. General Li Yang King will assume his new post to-morrow.

General Chen Chang Po, of the First Army Corps of the Canton Government, has been placed in charge of the defence of the southern frontier of China, with orders to proceed to southern Kwangsi with his army. The Fourth Army Corps under General Pei Chung Hsi is erecting strong defences in the vicinity of Lungchow close to the Kwangsi-Annam border.

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COLD SPELL AT
CANTONSEVERAL BEGGARS DIE
FROM EXPOSURE

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Dec. 14.

Canton has been in the grip of severe cold for the last several days. Yesterday the temperature dropped to 23 degrees Fahrenheit, which was the lowest on record for this year. A layer of snow covered the outskirts of the city. Ponds were partially frozen. The intense cold was made all the more bitter by a brisk north wind which has been blowing continually for the last two days.

Several beggars were found dead in the streets this morning. They were seemingly dead, and evidently died from exposure.



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LOCAL YACHTING.

1ST LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1st Ladies' Championship, which was postponed from November 9, was sailed yesterday and resulted as follows:—

Course:—1, Channel Rocks (P); 2, Kowloon Rock (P); 3, Channel Rocks (S); 4, East Rock Mark Boat (P). Distance: 6.2 miles.

"H" Class.

(Started 3.00 p.m.)

Boat	Time	Corrected Time	Position	Points
Bella (Mrs. Sheldon)	4.31.30	4.27.28	1	5
Siskin (Miss Mackie)	4.31.08	4.26.29	2	4
Diana (Mrs. Bingham)	4.33.30	4.28.26	3	3
Argyll II (Mrs. Pearce)	4.35.51	4.28.37	4	2
Dorothy (Miss Blake)	4.40.23	4.33.09	5	1
Colleen (Miss Lumsden)	4.40.37	4.33.23	6	0

"Y" and "G" Classes.

(Started 3.5 p.m.)

Boat	Time	Corrected Time	Position	Points
Daphne (Miss Stokes)	4.45.33	4.45.33	1	5
Alba (Mrs. Lambert)	4.49.28	4.49.28	2	4
Why Wonder? (Mrs. Fawkes)	4.57.11	4.56.40	3	3
Bluejacket (Mrs. Adams)	4.49.00	4.48.29	4	2
Boojum (Mrs. Pickering)	4.45.55	4.45.24	5	1
Speedwell (Mrs. Stewart)	4.44.40	4.44.18	6	0
Windy (Miss Patchett)	4.59.03	4.55.08	7	0
Bunice (Mrs. C. Ross)	4.57.21	4.52.21	8	0

KOWLOON GOLF.

CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL.

Playing over the Kowloon golf course on Sunday, E. D. de Rosa defeated Dr. J. E. H. Hogan in the semi-final of the Kowloon Golf Club Championship, finishing one up on his opponent.

The other semi-finalists are F.E.A. Remedios and G. H. Russell.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL SEASON.

NEARING THE END: RESULTS OF THE LATER ENGAGEMENTS.

New York, Dec. 5.—All but the last of the 1931 gridiron battles were fought in the United States to-day. Remaining are a few of the inter-sectional contests, some post-season games for charity and one or two more big football classics in the south. For the remainder of the season, gridiron enthusiasts will have to be content with professional games which lack the colour and spirit of the collegiate sport.

Following are the scores of the leading collegiate football games played in the United States to-day: Alabama, 30; Chattanooga, 0. Tulane, 28; Washington State, 14. Navy, 6; Pennsylvania, 0. Carnegie Tech., 0; Duquesne, 0. Kentucky, 7; Florida, 2. Tennessee, 13; New York University, 0. St. Mary's, 7; Southern Methodist University, 2. University of Southern California, 44; Washington University, 7.

RESULTS OF RUGBY GAMES AT HOME.

BLACKHEATH BEAT GLOUCESTER: LONDON SCOTS SWAMP ARMY.

London, Dec. 15.—The chief results of games played to-day in the Rugby Union were:—
Blackheath, 10; Gloucester, 3.
Edinburgh, 11; Glasgow, 6.
Leicester, 11; Harlequins, 0.
London Welsh, 8; London Irish, 8.
Rosslyn Park, 0; Old Leysians, 0.
London Scottish, 10; Army, 3.
Richmond, 3; Guy's Hospital, 14.
Manchester, 16; Moseley, 9.
Halifax, 10; Birkenhead Park, 12.

A WOMAN BOXER.

A girl boxer has made her appearance in Japan in the person of Ishida Masako. She is a record holder at putting the weight. She is just 20. Questioned as to the motive, she replied that she thought the noble art would prove a powerful weapon with which to protect herself. In the meantime, there is no rival against whom she can be matched.

FOOTBALL DEADLOCK.

(Continued from Page 6.)

Unfair Charge.

As late as February 22, 1930, letters were addressed to the Federation, S.C.A.A. and C.A.A., pointing out the desirability of conforming to Association Rule 12, and to see that the rule was thoroughly complied with in future. The question of the League Management Committee being obstructive is definitely wrong, and it is most unfair to make such a charge. You are in error when you state that the League Management Committee exceeded their powers in insisting on the compliance of rule 12. The League Management Committee did not raise the question of rule 12, and, if reference is made to the Hon. Secretary's letter of September 24, it will be clearly seen that the last paragraph is in the nature of advice from the Hon. Secretary to the S.C.A.A.

10. The Council regrets the statement contained in the latter portion of this paragraph and would refer you to its replies to paragraph 1, 2 and 3.

17. If it is the case that the Chinese clubs must act in accordance with the instructions of the Federation, as was pointed out by Mr. Wong Ka Tsun's minute, the Council cannot see how it is possible for the Chinese clubs to remain in membership with the H.K.F.A. This is a matter for the Chinese clubs to take up with their Federation. As it would be impossible to have the control of football in a small place like Hong Kong in the hands of more than one association, the Council submits that the H.K.F.A. must be recognised by all clubs in membership as the governing body.

Match Not Official.

18. As the game between the Chinese of Malaya and Hong Kong was not under the auspices of the H.K.F.A., we cannot accept the statement that it was an official Interport match. We would refer you to the rules of the Football Association, page 73, and to the three paragraphs under the heading of "Regulations for the Control of Matches with Foreign Associations, Leagues and Clubs."

19, 20 and 21. The Council is satisfied that no insult was intended, and if these paragraphs form the considered opinion of the Chinese clubs, a careful analysis of their case should convince them that their own action was the initial cause of what they now term an insult.

The Council has ascertained that the Malayan Chinese obtained official permission from the Singapore Football Association to proceed on the tour. It is therefore unfortunate that the party responsible for arrangements in Hong Kong did not act in an orthodox manner; their action is extremely regrettable, and the present dispute is, in the opinion of the Council, entirely due to their remission.

22. Refer to paragraph 1.

Arbitration Not Wanted.

23. The Council is not prepared to entertain any settlement of this dispute by arbitration.

24. Par. 5 1. 5 m to 0, 10, 20 and 21 refer.

25. The Council reiterates that it is most willing to cooperate with the Federation, if it is possible to arrive at an understanding whereby the latter will recognise the H.K.F.A. as the governing body of football in the colony of Hong Kong.

26. Except in the case of the letter received with the complimentary tickets, the Council has had no direct communication from the Federation. The letter to the Services was addressed to their representative by officials of the S.C.A.A. We note, therefore, that the Federation is not a party to the dispute.

27 and 28. Refer paragraph 1.

29. In view of the fact that the resolutions referred to were carried unanimously (see Par. 1), the Council is not prepared to reconsider any or either of them. In conclusion the Council regrets that it cannot enter into any further correspondence on this matter with the Chinese clubs as long as they are not members of the H.K.F.A.—I am, dear sirs,—Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

MIXED DOUBLES RESULTS.

The following are the first round results of the Open Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament, held under the auspices of the Chinese Recreation Club:—

M. K. Lo and Mrs. James beat Waring and Miss Pullum 6-1, 10-8.
E. C. Fincher and Miss O. Daziel beat F. Grose and Miss Perry 7-5, 6-4.

M. W. Lo and Miss E. Lo beat Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ho, walk-over.
Yew Man Kit and Miss G. Lo beat R. G. Mills and Miss Hutchinson.

Welsham and Mrs. Smith beat Black and Miss R. Hancock 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

AMERICA'S HOPE OF BETTER TIMES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

It has been announced recently that a new pool will be formed, presumably under the shape of a land bank, to take over the frozen mortgages, etc. Therefore, the "Credit Corporations" can only be regarded as a first step.

To put the whole problem in true perspective, it should be realised that the 2,300 small banks which have closed their doors during the last twelve months possessed only 3.5 per cent. of the total deposits in the country. The smallness of such a figure makes it clear that thousands and thousands of banks would need to disappear before the general economy of the country can be seriously impaired.

Now, what about agricultural and industrial production?

Of late, for the first time, wheat, cotton, hogs and some other agricultural products have been bought at higher prices. But if due account is taken of the fact that, in August, prices had sunk to the very low level of 75 per cent. of the average prices obtaining during the period 1900-1914, such a rise cannot perhaps be regarded as a positive sign that better times have begun. However, the change has been welcomed with enthusiasm.

Nevertheless, agricultural prices are still, in proportion, much inferior to industrial prices, and no economic recovery can reasonably be expected so long as farmers are barred by current quotations from buying again in accordance with their needs.

The industrial concerns, taken in the aggregate, are still tied to a very low level of gains, about 60 per cent. of the figures recorded for 1928. In the course of the last six months industrial profits have been further whittled down by over 40 per cent. A hesitating revival can be noticed in the retail trade, but signs are lacking that it will soon extend to big business.

CUTTING OF COSTS.

The most encouraging feature of the whole situation is probably to be found in the ruthless cutting down of production costs, including workmen's wages. By the end of 1930 the idea that the depression was not merely a temporary dip, and required more severe methods of cost reduction, became widely accepted, and for nearly eleven months wages out of about 10 per cent. have been a common practice, no fewer than 1,895 being reported for the first eight months of the year.

In spite of these drastic retrenchments, wages disputes have been rare; they numbered less than 500 for the first seven months of 1931, as against 2,245 for the first seven months of 1930, the year of the last economic crisis of importance.

It is fair to add that, since 1929, the cost of living has probably decreased by over 10 per cent. Employers and Labour seem to be at one in realising that the sooner they adapt themselves to the present low markets, and the further they carry out deflation, the quicker full reward will come to all concerned.

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SOVIET TAPS ALTAI ORE DEPOSITS.

NEW RAILWAY BUILT INTO MOUNTAINS.

Moscow, Dec. 5.—A new railway line connecting the new industrial centre in Siberia, Kuznetak, with the Altai Mountains was opened on the first day of this month, according to reports received here to day. The terminus of the line in the Altai Mountains is Temir Tan, the centre of rich ore deposits which can now be shipped to the Kuznetak smelters. The construction of the new line was taken in hand three years ago and is said to have confronted the engineers with many great difficulties, including the need for tunnelling several mountains and for diversing numerous rivers. In addition to this six large bridge had to be built.

It is claimed that through the new line, which is to be used chiefly for industrial purposes, the Kuznetak plants will be supplied with sufficient ore and other raw materials to treble its output under the Five Year Plan.

STABILIZATION OF SILVER.

LORD BRADBOURNE ON CO- OPERATIVE ACTION.

London, Dec. 3.—Great Britain, India and the United States should engage in co-operative action to increase and stabilise the price of silver in the world markets, Lord Bradbourne, the Chairman of the Consolidated Gold Fields, Ltd., declared here to-day.

Addressing the annual meeting of Consolidated Gold Fields Lord Bradbourne said that if India, Great Britain and the United States would co-operate to stabilise the price of silver the action would rebound immensely to the benefit of world trade.

Higher silver values and a vastly improved world trade, said Lord Bradbourne, would remove one of the fundamental causes of political unrest in the Far East.

IRISH MOTOR GRAND-PRIX LOSSES.

NO RACE NEXT YEAR.

The committee of the Royal Irish Automobile Club in charge of the Irish international motor Grand Prix races have decided, owing to financial losses sustained on previous races, not to hold the race next year.



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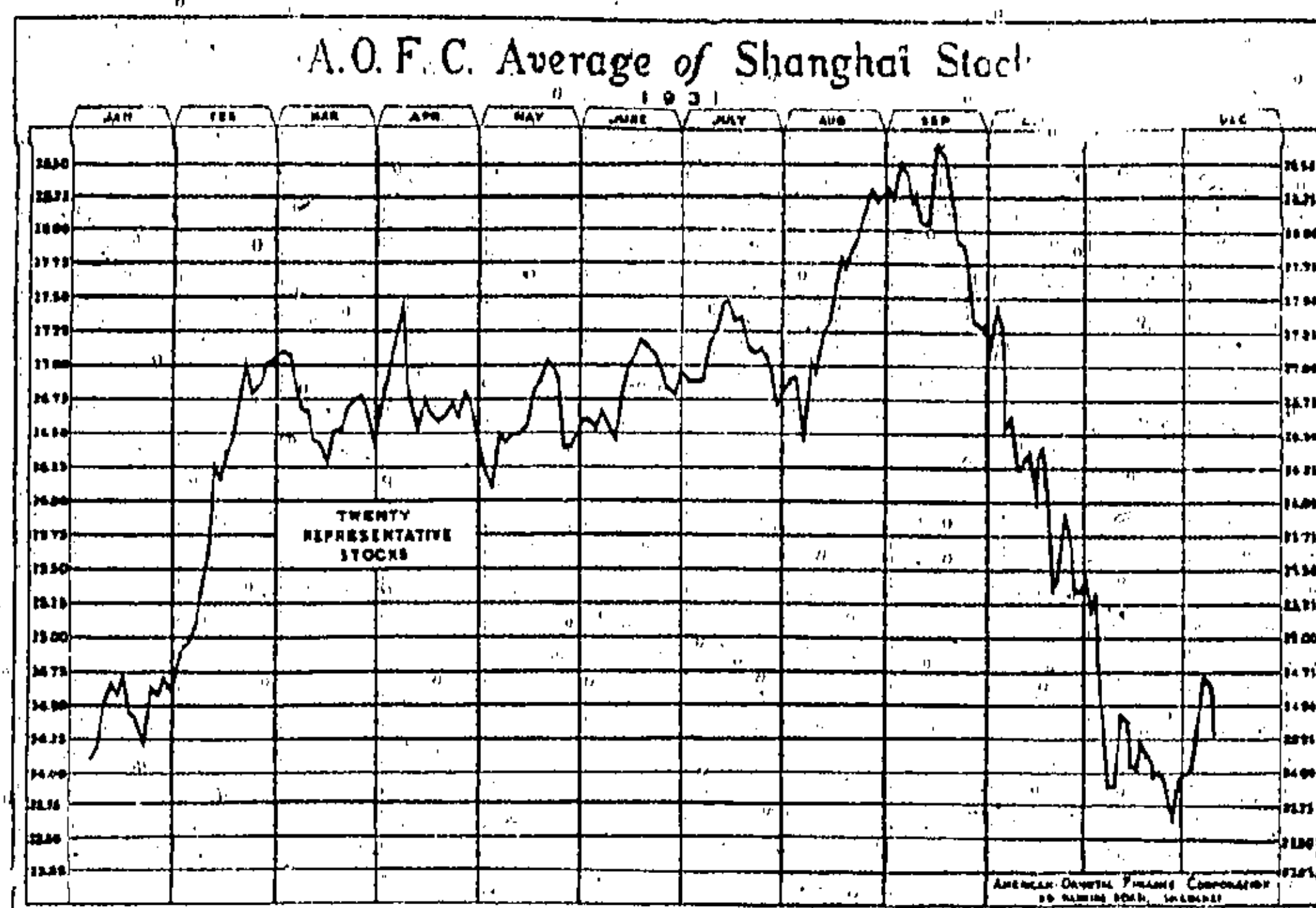
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Shares are again moving uncertainly on the Shanghai Stock Exchange due to fresh difficulties in the political situation. The resignation of the two most important governmental officials carrying on international negotiations was a depressing influence that brought lower share prices Monday morning. The A.O.F.C. Average has tapered off from 24.73, a high point established in the market rally of last week. The growing unrest of Chinese within the country, and the vigorous activity of over-seas Chinese in Manchuria has brought a new feeling of uneasiness to financial people. The expected improvement in money conditions did not materialize, and there is still a strain on credits. Many phases of commercial activity are showing gains continuously, however, and this is little doubt but that annual reports of many leading companies will make good reading.

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CHRISTMAS

HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

(ORDERS BY THE HON. MR. E. J. C. VOLFE, C.M.G., I.C.P.)

Chinese Company.

Training Course—Part II.—All recruits will attend at the Chinese Headquarters, to-day, at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Training Course—Part I.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m.

N.C.O.'s Class.—All N.C.O.'s will attend the Chinese Company's Headquarters on Friday, at 4 p.m. for instruction under Mr. Paterson, P.P.T.S.

Indian Company.

Promotions.—Loc. Sergt. R202 M. Abdullah has been appointed Crown Sergeant with effect from December 4, 1931.

Constable R304 Abdul Karim and R222 Hardit Singh have been appointed Lance-Sergeants with effect from December 1, 1931.

Training Course—Part II.—Constable R263 L. Solim has been passed out as efficient in Part II. of Training Course (knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations).

Training Course—Part II.—All members who have not passed Part II. of Training Course should attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central, on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, December 23, for a general inspection of equipment, etc., by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp, under P/Sgt. R. J. Hunt. Dress: Blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt, truncheon, whistle, armband and badge. "Pocket Policeman" and note-book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The equipment officer will make it a point of being present. Recruits will attend.

Flying Squad.

Strength.—Constable R324 Harry Chan has been taken on the strength of the Flying Squad and posted to the Hong Kong Section, as from December 12.

The final instructional patrol of the year of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday, December 18. All members should attend. No member may be absent from this patrol with leave from the Company Commander. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Winter uniform and cap with whitecover.

Sharpshooters Company.

Defendu Class.—All members wishing to join the Defendu Class must send their names in to the O. I. Co. before December 18.

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REVOLVER COMPETITION.

WIN FOR SHARPSHOOTERS.

A revolver match was held at the Kennedy Road Range on Saturday between the Sharpshooters Company and the Chinese Company of the Hong Kong Police Reserve. The result was an easy victory for the Sharpshooters who led by 167 points.

Three practices were fired. The first was a "Deliberate." The second was the "Running man" with stationary targets placed at regular intervals, a penalty being imposed every time the wrong "man" was hit. The third was the "Advancing man" in which hits made within a four inch group only were counted. Shots fired after the moving target had reached a specified distance were also disqualified. Mr. D. L. King, D.A.P. (R.) was an interested spectator at the range.

The detailed scores were:

Sharpshooters Company.		Total
W. E. Dorabjee...	27 20 25 72	
J. Fletcher...	25 23 20 70	
J. A. Bendall...	23 25 15 65	
E. R. Dovey...	27 30 10 67	
Y. K. Ho...	27 30 10 67	
P. Fletcher...	20 20 15 55	
J. Van der Leij...	23 20 20 63	
W. Fletcher...	19 25 15 59	
L. R. Dowdall...	24 25 10 59	
A. J. Raptis...	19 20 10 49	
H. Grege...	15 20 10 45	
R. P. Dunlop...	14 20 10 44	
Total.....		727

Chinese Company.		Total
Chow U Ting...	22 23 15 60	
Chow Ching Chiu...	23 15 58	
Wong Chung...	20 20 15 55	
Thong Po Hing...	23 15 15 53	
Wong King Chuen...	24 15 15 54	
David Loie...	18 25 10 53	
Au Yeung Keng		
Hing...	20 15 10 45	
Dium S. K. Chan...	20 10 15 45	
Ho Sit Yee...	14 15 15 44	
Lau Shu Chuen...	23 5 10 38	
Hon Yan Lam...	10 0 10 20	
K. K. Tsui...	15 5 5 25	
Total.....		590

CROWN LAND SALES.

BRISK BIDDING AND HIGH PRICES.

There was a large number of prospective land owners at the Crown Land Office yesterday when three lots were offered for sale by public auction. They are all situated in densely populated areas, and as a result, keen bidding was evidenced throughout.

Inland Lot No. 3202, situated at Honesty Road, was sold to Messrs. Chung Sun and Ng Kuen of 32, Wing Lok Street for \$60,000. The upset price \$45,000. The land has an area of about 4,207 sq. feet, and its annual rental is \$43.

Mr. Un Fook of 192, Reclamation Street, was the purchaser of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2603. Bidding started at \$37,400 and by bids of \$100, the voice was eventually raised to \$62,300 before the lot was knocked down to the buyer. The land has an area of about 24,960 sq. feet, and an annual rental of \$458.

Inland Lot No. 3201, with an area of about 2,393 sq. feet, was sold to Mrs. Ip Kwan of 70, Wing Lok Street, for \$13,400. The upset price was \$13,100. The land is situated at King Kwong Street, and has an annual rental of \$44.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following arrived by s.s. Pres. Wilson:—Mr. G. G. Bradford, Mr. H. M. Bosch, Dr. H. Blaber, Mr. F. H. Binninger, Mrs. J. M. Cunningham, Rev. P. J. Connors, Mr. M. C. Cress, Mr. P. S. Chao, Mr. G. K. Chu, Mr. G. Fitch, Mr. J. Gray, Mr. G. W. Greene, Mr. Ho Chin, Mr. E. P. Jennings, Mr. S. C. Lai, Mr. Nao Liu, Mr. P. W. Massey, Mr. Malt Yun Man, Mr. and Mrs. Pan Long Ling, Mr. G. T. Shimunok, Mr. H. D. Talbot, Mr. R. Maence, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wu, Mr. D. F. Wong.

Departures.

The following left Hong Kong by s.s. Pres. Madison:—Mr. C. K. Chan, Mr. W. F. Chey, Miss L. Ecken, Mr. A. Stokken, Mrs. P. L. Lee, Mrs. P. J. Podney, Mr. Sato Chuk, Mr. Cheng Pak Seng, Mr. D. K. Jardine, Mr. J. K. Caldwell, Mr. G. L. Lee, Mr. S. Chung, Mr. T. L. Sam, Mr. Wong Yet Ling, Mr. K. M. Bailey, Dr. M. Wong, Mr. Yao Jao Woo, Mrs. Chung Yew Ying, Mr. Lau Suet Son, Miss Au Tai Moi, Miss Au So, Mrs. Kam Wing Poo, Miss P. Hornell, Mr. R. T. Down, Mr. Jack Ho, Mr. C. Tuffareken, Master M. Podney, Mr. T. R. Anderson, Mr. Lau San Sin, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Surry, Mr. Cheung Sing Chee, Mr. Y. Y. Wong, Mr. S. S. Low, Mr. Chu Pak Yuen, Mr. C. K. Fan, Mr. D. B. Tsang, Mr. Richard Wang, Mr. Chau Shiu Ho, Mrs. Cheung Shee, Miss Au Sai Moi, Miss Sarah Napier.

The following left by s.s. Pres. Harrison:—Mrs. Geo. C. Wood, Prof. and Mrs. S. J. Case, Mr. G. M. Ehlen, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tebbetts, Rev. D. R. Bollen, Mr. J. C. Underwood, Prof. C. Wood, Dr. W. D. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Julia Caroll, Dr. John Lake, Miss Marie Ballinghausen, Miss Ellen Anslow, Mr. N. H. Rothrock.

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AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TSINAN"	On 23rd Dec.	5 p.m.
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 28th Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, WEIHAU, CHIAOPOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 29th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 30th Dec.	5 p.m.
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Koshi	11	30.02	762.5	...	NW	2	b	5											
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Naha	11	30.20	767.0	...	NW	6	b	5											
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Taihu	11	30.23	768.3	54	NNW	6	b	5	30.16	766.0	50	ENE	6	b															
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Koshun	11	30.28	769.2	54	NE	8	b	5	30.18	768.6	59	ENE	8	b															
Pescadores	14	30.27	769.9	52	N	3	b	6	30.18	768.6	59	N	2	o	b														
Hong Kong	14	30.26	768.6	68	E	5	b	6	30.16	766.1	63	ENE	4	b															
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Pratas Island	14	30.23	767.8	61	SSE	1	b	7	30.14	765.6	54	ENE	4	o	b														
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Guam	12:22	29.72	764.8	...	E	4	b	4.22	29.78	756.4	...	ENE	2	b	c														
Yap	11:00	29.72	764.8	...	NNE	2	b	5	29.77	756.1	...	NE	4	b	c														
Pelaw	14	29.34	760.4	85	NW	6	b	6	29.39	756.7	77	S	4	b	c														
Labuan	14	29.34	760.4	85	NW	6	b	6	29.39	756.7	77	S	4	b	c														

December 14d. 10h. 55m.—The anticyclone has weakened. It is probably central over the Eastern Sea moving East.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 79.97 inches, against an average of 82.46 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 15.

Direction. Forecast.
A.—Shanghai to Turnabout Variable winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.
B.—Turnabout to Hong Kong
C.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock N.E. winds, moderate; generally cloudy.
D.—Hong Kong to Hainan Straits
E.—North China Sea N.E. winds, strong; overcast, rain.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 14.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer...	30.55	30.21	30.05
Temperature...	51	65	61
Humidity...	34	57	60
Wind—			
Direction...	N	E	SE
Force...	3	3	2
Weather...	B	O	B
Rain...	0.00	0.0	0.0

Highest open-air Temperature, 13.5.

Lowest open-air Temperature, 14.4.

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing Showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

DONT FORGET

Shipping News Daily Statement, Waterfront News. ETC.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 19,272 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
39,306 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:

British	H.K.	Ports
Kamuning, Singapore	1,900	—
Kiangsu, Bangkok	1,410	—
Haiching, Foochow	900	—
Comerie, Calcutta	3,000	6,000
Wing Lee, Fort Bayard	350	—
Sirdhana, Osaka	3	443
Hector, Liverpool	1,381	3,510
Foehsing, Taingao	263	2,207
		8,313—13,240

Denish, Malaya	—	7,300
Vladivostok	—	7,300

Dutch, Tjissondari	—	4,185
Batavia	6,125	3,650
	—	6,125—7,335

Norwegian, Solviken	—	625
Pakhoi	1,995	—
Hellas, Bangkok	2,100	—
Prominent, Dairen	100	2,200
	—	4,225—2,925

Japanese, Calcutta Maru	—	1,582
Yokohama	105	—
	—	115—1,582

Chinese, Stanley	—	—
Swabue	48	—
Yuan On, Canton	16	515
San Kong, K. C. Wan	300	—
Hwa Ngan, Port Kanto	—	6,500
	—	294—7,015

Total	19,272	39,306
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ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.	
The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday:	
Kiangsu (Br.) Bangkok	3
Haiching (Br.) Foochow	237
Wing Lee (Br.) Fort Bayard	108
Foehsing (Br.) Taingao	10
Tjissondari (Dut.) Batavia	154
Tjissondari (Dut.) Batavia	242
Solviken (Nor.) Pakhoi	185
Hellas (Nor.) Bangkok	8
Stanley (Chi.) Swabue	145
Yuan On (Chi.) Canton	8
Total	1,088

VESSELS' MOVEMENTS.	
The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. Karmala left Singapore for this port on the 14th instant at 6 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 18th instant at about 6 p.m.	
The Ben Line s.s. Benedi from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on the 16th instant and is due here on the 19th instant.	
The R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Manila on December 14 at 10 a.m., left the same day at 6 p.m. for Hong Kong on Dec. 16 at 7 a.m., and leaves for Vancouver via ports on December 18 at 1 a.m.	

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday were:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	9	7
Danish	1	0
Dutch	2	0
Norwegian	3	3
Japanese	1	3
Chinese	4	3
Total	20	16

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant vessels were in port yesterday:

Wharves.	
Alfred Holt—Hector, City of Norwich.	
O.S.K.—Hozma Maru.	
Douglas—Huibing, Venezia.	

Docks.	
Kowloon—Yei Maru, Limchow, Shinyo Maru, Yuan Jeng, Gil Eanes, Hikawa Maru, Amalhus.	
Takoo—Tishan, Taiyuan, Pinn-chia, Kwangchow, Hong Hwa, Halford.	

Buoys.	
No. A1—Kwanan Maru.	
No. A2—Sirdhana.	
No. A3—Tjissondari.	
No. A4—Tjissondari.	
No. A5—Tjissondari.	
No. A7—Tjissondari.	
No. A10—Calcutta Maru.	
No. A15—Ha Thong.	
No. B3—Kalgan.	
No. B8—Chungkong.	
No. B9—Halldor.	
No. B10—Solviken.	
No. B11—G. Diederichsen.	
No. B12—Sunkong.	
No. B15—Kiangsu.	
No. B16—Henri Riviere.	
No. B17—Graciosa.	
No. B18—Kamuning.	
No. B19—Hellas.	
No. B25—Comerie.	
No. C1—Kronviken.	

Warships in Port.	
The following warships are in port:	
Basin—Tamar.	
North Wall—Scaphis, Sirdar, Selang.	
South Wall—Bruce, Marazion, East Wall—Herald, Olympus, Persuade.	
North Arm—Kent.	
West Wall—Suffolk, Scaphis.	
Dock—Oswald, Orpheus, Phoenix.	
Boat No. 1—Hermes.	
Boat No. 2—Medway and Submarines.	
Boat No. 3—Cumberland.	
Boat No. 6—Cornwall.	
Foreign—Portuguese transport Gil Eanes; French dispatch vessel Craonne and gunboat Argus.	

Clearances.	
December 13.	
Ajax, for Singapore.	
Andes Maru, for Singapore.	
Borneo, for Hoihow.	
Deli Maru, for Canton.	
Dunafrio, for Port Redon.	
Gruville, for Soerabaya.	
Haiching, for Swatow.	
Hopang, for Swatow.	
Hozan Maru, for Swatow.	
Malaya, for Singapore.	
Pres. Harrison, for Manila.	
Pres. Madison, for Shanghai.	
Pronto, for Dairen.	
Shantung, for Swatow.	
Shun Chi, for Saigon.	
Yusang, for Sandakan.	

Clearances.	
December 14.	
Calcutta Maru, for Singapore.	
Changehow, for Canton.	
Foehsing, for Canton.	
Hector, for Shanghai.	
Hikawa Maru, for Shanghai.	
Hydrangos, for Swatow.	
Hua Ngan, for Chinkiang.	
Kalgan, for Swatow.	
Konsan Maru, for Henkohe.	
Kwansei Maru, for Keelung.	
Nankwa Maru, for Port Redon.	
Prominent, for Canton.	
Sanka Maru, for Hongay.	
Sirdhana, for Singapore.	
Solviken, for Canton.	
Suiyang, for Canton.	

FROM LOWER-DECK TO QUARTER-DECK.	
NEW SCHEME IN NAVY IN OPERATION.	

Among the promotions announced at the Admiralty on Nov. 14 were of 12 A.B.'s to the rank of Acting Sub-Lieutenant.

Of these five are appointed to H.M.S. Vivid, two to the Victory, and the others to the Pembroke.

This step, which is in fulfillment of an announcement made by the then First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. Alexander) on May 20, originates from the recommendations of Admiral Larken's Committee on lower-deck promotion to commissioned rank. Under this scheme promotion to the highest rank in the Navy is open to boys.

The outstanding feature is the abolition of the title "Mate" and the substitution of the ordinary title Acting Sub-Lieutenant.

The selected candidates under the scheme on being appointed acting sub-lieutenants will be sent for a term to Greenwich, where they will form a class by themselves. On board ship they will occupy the Ward Room and not the Gun Room mess—a decision which a naval authority, commenting on the Committee's report, described as "very desirable and wise."

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"SOUDAN"	8,800	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
		8th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, H'g., B'dm., A'werp. & Hull.

"CARPAGE"	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	20th Mar.	do.
"SOMALI"	9,800	22nd Apr.	Bombay, Marsa, L'don., Havre, H'g., B'dm. & A'werp.

"CORFU"	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"KAWALPINDI"	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KABALA"	9,700	7th May	do.
"CHITRAL"	9,000	21st May	do.
"KASHMIR"	9,000	4th June	do.
"NALDERA"	18,000	18th June	do.
"KASHMIR-HIND"	12,000	2nd July	do.
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	16th July	do.
"MANTUA"	11,000	30th July	do.
"KAWALPINDI"	17,000	13th Aug.	do.
"KABALA"	9,700	27th Aug.	do.
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